## UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS, DALLAS DIVISION

In Re: Highland Capital Management, L.P. State No. 19-34054-SGJ-11

Hunter Mountain Investment Trust

Appellant State No. 19-34054-SGJ-11

[3904] Order Pursuant to Plan "Gatekeeper Provision" and Pre-Confirmation "Gatekeeper Orders" Denying Hunter Mountain Investment Trust's Emergency Motion for Leave to File Verified Adversary Proceeding. Entered on 8/25/2023.

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APPELLANT RECORD

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In re:

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MANAGEMENT, L.P. Case No. 19-34054-sgj11

Reorganized Debtor.

#### APPELLANT HUNTER MOUNTAIN INVESTMENT TRUST'S SECOND SUPPLEMENTAL STATEMENT OF THE ISSUES AND DESIGNATION OF ITEMS FOR INCLUSION IN THE APPELLATE RECORD

COMES NOW Appellant/Movant Hunter Mountain Investment Trust, both in its individual capacity and derivatively on behalf of the Reorganized Debtor, Highland Capital Management, L.P., and the Highland Claimant Trust, (collectively, "Appellant" or "HMIT"), and files this Second Supplemental<sup>2</sup> Statement of the Issues and Designation of Items for Inclusion in the Appellate Record pursuant to Federal Rule of Bankruptcy Procedure 8009(a)(1):

#### I. STATEMENT OF THE ISSUES

- Did the bankruptcy court err in determining that the "colorable" claim analysis allowed the A. court to consider evidence and other non-pleading materials including, but not limited to, the court's reasoning that:
  - 1. the colorability analysis is stricter than a non-evidentiary, Rule 12(b)(6)-type analysis;
  - 2. the colorability analysis is "akin to the standards applied under the ... Barton doctrine";
  - 3. the colorability analysis requires a "hybrid" of the Barton doctrine and "what courts have applied when considering motions to file suit when a vexatious litigant bar order is in place"; and/or,

And in all capacities and alternative derivative capacities asserted in HMIT's Emergency Motion for Leave to File Verified Adversary Proceeding [Dkt. Nos. 3699, 3815, and 3816] ("Emergency Motion"), the supplement to the Emergency Motion [Dkt. No. 3760], and the draft Complaint attached to the same [Dkt. No. 3760-1].

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Appellant files this Second Supplement pursuant to the Clerk's request at Docket #3949 and correspondence on 10/23/2023.

4. "[t]here may be mixed questions of fact and law implicated by the Motion for Leave"?

[See Dkt. Nos. 3781, 3790, 3903-04].

B. Did the bankruptcy court err in determining that Appellant lacked constitutional or prudential standing to bring its claims in its individual and derivative capacities?

[See Dkt. Nos. 3903-04].

- C. Did the bankruptcy court err in alternatively determining that, even under a non-evidentiary, Rule 12(b)(6)-type analysis, Appellant did not assert colorable claims including, but not limited to, determining that:
  - 1. Appellant's allegations are conclusory, speculative, or constitute "legal conclusions";
  - 2. Appellant's claims or allegations are not "plausible";
  - 3. Appellant's allegations pertaining to a *quid pro quo* are "pure speculation";
  - 4. Proposed Defendant James P. Seery ("Seery") owed no duty to Appellant in any capacity as a matter of law;
  - 5. Appellant failed "to allege facts in the Proposed Complaint that would support a reasonable inference that Seery breached his fiduciary duty to HMIT or the estate as a result of bad faith, self-interest, or other intentional misconduct rising to the level of a breach of the duty of loyalty";
  - 6. Appellant's allegations pertaining to its aiding and abetting and conspiracy claims are speculative and not plausible;
  - 7. The remedies of equitable disallowance and equitable subordination are not remedies "available" to Appellant as a matter of law;
  - 8. Appellant's unjust enrichment claim is invalid as a matter of law because "Seery's compensation is governed by express agreements";
  - 9. Appellant is not entitled to declaratory relief because it has no colorable claims; and/or
  - 10. Appellant cannot recover punitive damages for its breach of fiduciary duty claim? [See Dkt. Nos. 3903-04].

D. Alternatively, even if the bankruptcy court correctly determined that its "hybrid" *Barton* analysis controls, did the court violate Appellant's due process rights by denying Appellant its requested discovery?

[See Dkt. Nos. 3800, 3853, 3903-04, June 8, 2023 Hearing].

- E. Alternatively, did the bankruptcy court err by denying Appellant's requested discovery including, but not limited to:
  - 1. ordering that Appellant could not request or obtain any discovery other than a deposition of Seery and James D. Dondero; and/or
  - 2. determining that state court "Rule 202" proceedings supported the denial of discovery?

[See Dkt. Nos. 3800 & June 8, 2023 Hearing; see also Dkt. Nos. 3903-04].

- F. Alternatively, did the bankruptcy court err by denying Appellant's alternative request for a continuance to obtain the requested discovery?
- G. Alternatively, did the bankruptcy court err by excluding Appellant's evidence, or admitting the same for only limited purposes, offered at the June 8, 2023 Hearing?
- H. Alternatively, did the bankruptcy court err by overruling Appellant's objections to Appellees' evidence offered at the June 8, 2023 Hearing?
- I. Alternatively, did the bankruptcy court err by excluding Appellant's experts' testimony?

  [See Dkt. No. 3853; see also Dkt. Nos. 3903-04].
- J. Alternatively, did the bankruptcy court err by striking Appellant's proffer of its excluded experts' testimony from the record?

[See Dkt. No. 3869].

- K. Alternatively, if the bankruptcy court correctly determined that its "hybrid" *Barton* analysis controls, did the bankruptcy court err in determining that Appellant had not asserted colorable claims under that "hybrid" analysis including, but not limited to, its findings that:
  - 1. there is no evidence to support that Seery shared material non-public information with the Claims Purchasers;
  - 2. there is no evidence to support the alleged quid pro quo;
  - 3. the material shared was *public* information; and/or
  - 4. the Claims Purchasers had sufficient and lawful reasons to pay the amounts paid

for the purchased claims.

[See Dkt. Nos. 3903-04].

- L. Did the bankruptcy court err in finding that Appellant is controlled by Dondero, and, as such, Appellant "cannot show that it is pursuing the Proposed Claims for a proper purpose"?
- M. Alternatively, does sufficient evidence support the bankruptcy court's evidentiary findings made pursuant to its "hybrid" *Barton* analysis?
- N. Did the bankruptcy court err in denying an expedited hearing on Appellant's Motion for Leave? [See Dkt. 3713].
- O. Does the bankruptcy court's use of a new "colorability" standard to determine if claims by non-debtors against other non-debtors may proceed violate *Stern v. Marshall* and its progeny?
- P. Did the bankruptcy court err in denying Appellant's Motion to Alter or Amend Order, to Amend or Make Additional Findings, for Relief from Order, or Alternatively, for New Trial under Federal Rules of Bankruptcy Procedure 7052, 9023, and 9024 including, but not limited to by:
  - 1. declining to consider disclosures that demonstrated that Appellant is "in the money"—an issue pertinent to the court's erroneous standing decisions; and
  - 2. concluding that the disclosures failed to reinforce Appellant's standing to pursue the claims presented?

[Dkt. 3936].

# II. DESIGNATION OF ITEMS FOR INCLUSION IN THE APPELLATE RECORD

1. Notice of Appeal

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a. Notice of Appeal [Dkt. 3906];

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b. Amended Notice of Appeal [Dkt. 3908]; and

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- c. Second Amended Notice of Appeal [Dkt. 3945]
- 2. The judgment, order, or decree appealed from:
  - a. Memorandum Opinion and Order Pursuant to Plan "Gatekeeper Provision" and Pre-Confirmation "Gatekeeper Orders": Denying Hunter Mountain Investment

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Trust's Emergency Motion for Leave to File Adversary Proceedings [Dkts. 3903 & 3904]; and

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b. Order Denying Motion of Hunter Mountain Investment Trust Seeking Relief Pursuant to Federal Rules of Bankruptcy Procedure 7052, 9023, and 9024 [Dkt. 3936].

#### 3. Docket sheet.

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a. Bankruptcy Case No. 19-34054

#### 4. Other Items to be included:

**a.** HMIT hereby designates the following items in the record on appeal from Cause No. 19-34054-sgj11:

VOI. 2	FILE DATE	DOCKET NO.	DESCRIPTION
		(INCLUDING ALL	,
		ATTACHMENTS AND	
		APPENDICES)	
00159-		1808	Fifth Amended Plan of Reorganization of Highland Capital Management, L.P. (As Modified)
00/660	02/22/2021	1943	Order (I) Confirming the Fifth Amended Plan of Reorganization of Highland Capital Management, L.P. (as Modified) and (II) Granting Related Relief
00/821	09/09/2022	3503	Motion to Conform Plan filed by Highland Capital Management, L.P.
00 1830	02/27/203	3671	Memorandum Opinion and Order on Reorganized Debtor's Motion to Conform Plan
VOI. 3	03/28/2023	3699	HMIT Emergency Motion for Leave to File
001849	Thru	(3699-1 — 3699-5) Vol. 4	Verified Adversary Proceeding and Attached Verified Adversary Complaint
VOI 4	03/28/2023	3700	HMIT Motion for Expedited Hearing on
0022	36	(3700-1)	Emergency Motion for Leave to File Verified Adversary Proceeding
00 22	03/30/2023 43	3704	Farallon, Stonehill, Jessup and Muck Objection to Motion for Expedited Hearing
002248	03/30/2023	3705	HMIT Amended Certificate of Conference

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vol. 5 002251	03/30/2023	3706	HMIT Amended Certificate of Conference
00225		3707	Highland's Response in Opposition to Emergency Motion for Leave
00226	03/30/2023	3708 (3708-1 — 3708-8)	Declaration of John Morris in Support of the Highland Parties' Objection to Hunter Mountain Investment Trust's Opposed Application for Expedited Hearing on Emergency Motion for Leave to File Verified Adversary Proceeding
00234	03/31/2023	3712	HMIT Reply in Support of Application for Expedited Hearing
00234	03/31/2023	3713	Order Denying Motion for Expedited Hearing
00735		3718 (3718-1 — 3718-4)	HMIT Motion for Leave to File Appeal
00239	04/04/2023	3719 (3719-1)	HMIT Motion for Expedited Hearing on Motion for Leave to File Appeal
00 239	04/05/2023	3720	Order Denying HMIT's Opposed Motion for Expedited Hearing
00 2400	04/05/2023	3721 (3721-1 — 3721-2) Thro Vol. 7	HMIT Notice of Appeal
VOI. 8 002826	04/06/2023	3726 (3726-1) 1 rv Vol. 9	Certificate of Mailing regarding HMIT Notice of Appeal
Vol. 9 00325	04/07/2023	3731	Notice of Docketing Transmittal of Notice of Appeal
00 326	04/13/2023	3738 (3738-1)	Highland's Opposed Emergency Motion to Modify and Fix a Briefing Schedule and Set a Hearing Date with Respect to HMIT's Emergency Motion for Leave
00 3210	04/13/2023	3739	Highland's Motion for Expedited Hearing
00 3210	04/13/2023 7 <b>%</b>	3740	Joinder to Highland's Emergency Motion to Modify and Fix Briefing Schedule and Set Hearing Date With Respect to Hunter Mountain Investment Trust's Emergency Motion for Leave to File Verified Adversary Proceeding filed by Farallon

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			Capital Management, LLC, Jessup Holdings LLC, Muck Holdings LLC, Stonehill Capital Management LLC
Vol. 10 00 328	04/13/2023	3741	Notice of Hearing for 04/24/2023 at 1:30 PM
00 328 00 328	04/13/2023	3742	Amended Notice of Hearing for 04/24/2023 at 1:30 PM
00320	04/13/2023	3745	Notice of Appearance and Request for Notice by Omar Jesus Alaniz filed by James P. Seery Jr.
0032		3747	Joinder by James P. Seery Jr. to Highland's Emergency Motion to Modify and Fix Briefing Schedule and Set Hearing Date with Respect to Hunter Mountain Investment Trusts Emergency Motion for Leave to File Verified Adversary Proceeding
003290	04/17/2023	3748	HMIT's Response and Reservation of Rights
003290	04/19/2023	3751	Notice of Status Conference
00 330	04/21/2023	3758	HMIT's Objection Regarding Evidentiary Hearing and Brief Concerning Gatekeeper Proceedings Relating to "Colorability"
00331	04/21/2023	3759	HMIT's Notice of Rescheduling Hearing
00 331 00 33	04/21/2023	3761	HMIT's Objection Regarding Evidentiary Hearing and Brief Concerning Gatekeeper Proceedings Relating to "Colorability" <sup>3</sup>
00 332	04/23/2023 2 3	3760 (3760-1)	HMIT's Supplement to Emergency Motion for Leave to File Verified Adversary Proceeding and Attached Verified Adversary Complaint
003368	04/25/2023	3765	Transcript of Hearing held on 04/24/2023
0034	05/11/2023	3780	Objection to Hunter Mountain Investment Trust's (i) Emergency Motion for Leave to File Verified Adversary Proceeding; and (ii) Supplement to Emergency Motion for Leave to File Verified Adversary Proceeding filed by Farallon Capital Management, LLC, Jessup Holdings LLC, Muck

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> A duplicate of Doc 3758.

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VOI. 10			Holdings LLC, Stonehill Capital Management LLC
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00349	05/11/2023	3781	Order Fixing Briefing Scheduling and Hearing Date with Respect to HMIT's Emergency Motion for Leave to File Verified Adversary Proceeding as Supplemented
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0034	05/11/2023	3783	Highland and Seery's Joint Response to HMIT's Emergency Motion for Leave
VOI. 11	05/11/2023	3784	Declaration of John Morris in Support of Highland
00353	7	(3784-1 — 3784-46) Vol. 16	Parties' Joint Response
VOI. 17	05/18/2023	3785	HMIT's Reply in Support of Emergency Motion
004ldb			for Leave to File Adversary Proceeding
0047	05/22/2023	3787	Order Pertaining to the Hearing on Hunter Mountain Investment Trust's Motion for Leave to File Adversary Proceeding [DE##3699 & 3760]
0047	05/24/2023 / <del>-</del>	3788 (3788-1 — 3788-5)	HMIT's Emergency Motion for Expedited Discovery or, Alternatively, for Continuance of June 8, 2023 Hearing
00480	05/24/2023	3789	HMIT's Application for Expedited Hearing
0048	05/24/2023	3790	Order Pertaining to the Hearing on Hunter Mountain Investment Trust's Motion for Leave to File Adversary Proceeding [DE##3699 & 3760]
0048	05/25/2023	3791 (3791-1 — 3791-5)	HMIT's Emergency Motion for Expedited Discovery or, Alternatively, for Continuance of June 8, 2023 Hearing
004930	05/25/2023	3792	Order Setting Expedited Hearing
00 49:	05/25/2023	3795	Objection to Hunter Mountain Investment Trust's Emergency Motion for Expedited Discovery or, Alternatively, for Continuance of June 8, 2023 Hearing filed by Farallon Capital Management, LLC, Jessup Holdings LLC, Muck Holdings LLC, Stonehill Capital Management LLC
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vol. 18 0049	05/25/2023	3798 (3798-1)	Highland Parties' Joint Response in Opposition to HMIT's Emergency Motion for Expedited Discovery
0049	05/26/2023	3800	Order Regarding Hunter Mountain Investment Trust's Emergency Motion for Expedited Discovery or, Alternatively, for Continuance of the June 8, 2023 Hearing
0049	05/28/2023	3801	Order Regarding Hunter Mountain Investment Trust's Emergency Motion for Expedited Discovery or, Alternatively, for Continuance of the June 8, 2023 Hearing
0049	06/05/2023	3815 (3815-1)	Hunter Mountain Investment Trust's Emergency Motion for Leave to File Verified Adversary Proceeding
0050	06/05/2023 19	3816 (3816-1)	Hunter Mountain Investment Trust's Emergency Motion for Leave to File Verified Adversary Proceeding
0051	06/05/2023	3817 (3817-1-3817-5) Thru Vol. 25	Highland Parties' Witness and Exhibit List with Respect to Evidentiary Hearing on June 8, 2023
00 660	06/05/2023 8	3818 (3818-1 — 3818-9) Thru Vol. 39	HMIT's Witness and Exhibit List in Connection with its Emergency Motion for Leave to File Verified Adversary Proceeding, and Supplement
0092	06/07/2023 73	3820	Highland Parties' Joint Motion to Exclude Testimony and Documents of Scott Van Meter and Steve Pully
0092	06/07/2023 9 <i>O</i>	3821 (3821-1 — 3821-3)	Declaration in Support of Highland Parties' Joint Motion to Exclude Testimony and Documents of Scott Van Meter and Steve Pully
00 94	06/07/2023	3822 (3822-1)	HMIT's Unopposed Motion to File Exhibit Under Seal [WITHDRAWN]
00 99	06/07/2023	3823	Joinder to Joint Motion to Exclude Testimony and Documents of Scott Van Meter and Steve Pully filed by Farallon Capital Management, LLC, Jessup Holdings LLC, Muck Holdings LLC, Stonehill Capital Management LLC

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Vol. 40 06/07/2023 00 9 4 2 6	3824	HMIT's Objections to the Highland Parties' Exhibit and Witness List
00 9446		Exhibit and Withess Eist
06/08/2023	3828	HMIT's Response to Highland Claimant Trust and James P. Seery, Jr.'s Joint Motion to Exclude Testimony and Documents of Experts Scott Van
00 9436		Meter and Steve Pully
00 94 14	3837	Request for transcript regarding hearing held on 06/08/2023
06/12/2023	3838	Court admitted exhibits on hearing June 8, 2023 (See Docket Entry Nos. 3817 & 3818)
06/12/2023	3841	Highland Parties' Reply in Further Support of their Joint Motion to Exclude Testimony and
00 1446		Documents of Scott Van Meter and Steve Pully
06/12/2023	3842 (3842-1)	Claim Purchasers' Joinder to Highland Capital Management, L.P., Highland Claimant Trust, and James P. Seery Jr.'s Reply in Further Support of Their Joint Motion to Exclude Testimony and
W 1736		Documents of Scott Van Meter and Steve Pully filed by Farallon Capital Management, LLC, Jessup Holdings LLC, Muck Holdings LLC, Stonehill Capital Management LLC
00 945 96/13/2023	3843 Thru Vol. 41	Transcript regarding Hearing Held 06/08/2023
00 984 -06/13/2023	3844	Transcript regarding Hearing Held 05/26/2023
00990	3845	HMIT's Request for Oral Hearing or, Alternatively, a Schedule for Evidentiary Proffer
06/13/2023	3846	Response in Opposition to Hunter Mountain Investment Trust's Request for Oral Argument or, Alternatively, a Schedule for Evidentiary Proffer filed by Debtor Highland Capital Management, L.P., Other Professional Highland Claimant Trust, Creditor James P. Seery Jr.
00 990 8 06/13/2023	3847	HMIT's Reply to the Highland Parties' Response to Request for Oral Hearing
00 99 2 06/16/2023	3853	Memorandum Opinion and Order Granting Joint Motion to Exclude Expert Evidence

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0099	06/16/2023	3854	Memorandum Opinion and Order Granting Joint Motion to Exclude Expert Evidence
00992	06/19/2023	3858 (3858-1 — 3858-2)	Hunter Mountain Investment Trust's Evidentiary Proffer Pursuant to Rule 103(a)(2) <sup>4</sup>
0100	06/23/2023 / 3	3860	The Highland Parties' Objections to and Motion to Strike Hunter Mountain Investment Trust's Purported Proffer
01002	06/23/2023	3861	Claim Purchasers' Joinder to the Highland Parties' Objections and Motion to Strike Hunter Mountain Investment Trust's Purported Proffer
01002	07/05/2023	3869	Order Striking HMIT's Evidentiary Proffer Pursuant to Rule 103(a)(2) and Limiting Briefing
01002	07/06/2023 9	3872	Notice of Filing of the Current Balance Sheet of the Highland Claimant Trust filed by Debtor Highland Capital Management, L.P. and the Highland Claimant Trust
0 100 3	07/21/2023	3888	Post-Confirmation Report for Highland Capital Management, LP for the Quarter Ending June 30, 2023 filed by Highland Capital Management, L.P.
01002	07/21/2023	3889	Post-Confirmation Report for Highland Capital Management, LP for the Quarter Ending June 30, 2023 filed by the Highland Claimant Trust
0100	08/17/2023 59	3901	Withdrawal of HMIT's Unopposed Motion to File Exhibit Under Seal filed by Creditor Hunter Mountain Investment Trust
Vol. 43	09/08/2023	3905 (3905-1 — 3905-6)	Motion to Alter or Amend Order, to Amend or Make Additional Findings, for Relief from Order, or, Alternatively, for New Trial Under Federal Rules of Bankruptcy Procedure 7052, 9023, and 9024 and Incorporated Relief Filed by Creditor Hunter Mountain Investment Trust

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> HMIT understands that the Court struck this proffer in docket entry 3869. Because the proffer appears to remain on the record and to avoid any argument that HMIT has failed its burden to designate the record, HMIT designates this docket entry out of an abundance of caution.

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Vol. 43	09/11/2023	3907	Clerk's Correspondence regarding HMIT's Notice of Appeal
01013	09/22/2023 6	3928	Notice Regarding Appeal and Pending Post- Judgment Motion filed by HMIT

#### B. Exhibits.

Further, the Parties submitted hearing exhibits. HMIT designates for inclusion in the record for appeal all the hearing exhibits submitted to the Court, which were all electronically filed and are in the Court's record and are a part of this Appellate Record. (Docs. 3817 and 3818). The following exhibits are submitted and included in the Court's record:

(Dkts. 381	<u>HMIT Exhibits</u> 18, 3818-1, 3818-2, 3818-3, 3818-4, 3818-5. 3818-6, 3818-7, 3818-8, and 3818-9)
	HMIT Exhibits 1-4, 6-80
117.2	HCM Exhibits
	(Dkts. 3817, 3817-1, 3817-2, 3817-3, 3817-4, 3817-5)
	HCM Exhibits 2-15, 25-34, 36, 38-42, 45-46, 51, 59-60, 100

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#### **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

A true and correct copy of the foregoing document was served via ECF notification on October 23, 2023, on all parties receiving electronic notification.

/s/ Sawnie A. McEntire
Sawnie A. McEntire

- iii. Debtor/Creditor Monetization Vehicle Restructuring Fee:
  - 1. On confirmation of any plan or reorganization or liquidation based on a debtor/creditor trust or similar asset monetization and claims resolution vehicle that does not include agreement among the debtor and creditors on a material amount of the outstanding claims and their respective treatment at confirmation (a "Monetization Vehicle Plan"):
    - a. \$500,000 on confirmation of the Monetization Vehicle Plan;
    - b. \$250,000 on the effective date of the Monetization Vehicle Plan; and
    - c. A contingent restructuring fee to be determined by the board or oversight committee installed to oversee the implementation of any Monetization Vehicle Plan based on the CEO/CRO (or acting as trustee) based upon performance under the plan after all material distributions under the Monetization Vehicle Plan are made.
- 2. Out-of-Pocket Expenses: In addition to the Base and Bonus Compensation, I shall be entitled to reimbursement for actual and reasonable out-of-pocket expenses ("Expenses") incurred in connection with the provision of services hereunder. Expenses will be billed along with Base Compensation and shall be paid by the Company at the same time. Expenses will be generally consistent with expenses incurred to date as a member of the Board.

#### Bankruptcy Court Approval

Notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, I understand that this Agreement is contingent, in all respects, on the approval of the Bankruptcy Court. I also understand that the Company will seek approval of this Agreement in stages and that the Company will first seek approval of my retention as CEO and CRO and the payment of the Base Compensation and will defer seeking Bankruptcy Court approval of the Restructuring Fee until there have been further developments in the Bankruptcy Case.

#### Conflicts and Other Engagements

I am not aware of any potential conflicts of interest based on my understanding of the various parties involved in this matter to date.

The Company is aware that this engagement is not an exclusive engagement of my time, and that I have and will continue to have other business engagements and investments unrelated to the Company. Nothing in this Agreement or otherwise precludes me from representing or working with or for any other person or entity in matters not directly related to the services being provided to the Company under this Agreement. However, I will not take on any engagements directly adverse to the Company during the term of this engagement.

#### **Privilege**

I understand that in the course of this engagement, I may become party to or my services may become part of work product of legal counsel to the Company (the Company's in-house and outside counsel are collectively referred to as "Counsel"), and all communications between Counsel and me relating to this engagement shall be protected from disclosure to third parties under the attorney work product doctrine and/or the attorney-client privilege, and, therefore, shall be treated by me as privileged and confidential. I further understand that the Company has the exclusive right to waive the attorney-client privilege, and Counsel has the exclusive right to waive the protections afforded under the attorney work-product doctrine.

#### Termination of Engagement

This Agreement may be terminated at any time by either the Company or by me upon two weeks advance written notice given to the other party. The termination of this Agreement shall not affect my right to receive, and the Company's obligation to pay, any and all Base Compensation and Expenses incurred (even if not billed) prior to the giving of the termination notice; provided, however, that (i) if this Agreement is terminated by me, the amount of Base Compensation owed shall be calculated based on the actual number of days worked during the applicable month and I will return any Base Compensation received in excess of such amount and (ii) if this Agreement is terminated by the Company, Base Compensation shall be deemed fully earned as of the first day of any month. Bonus Compensation shall be earned by me immediately upon termination of me by the Company; provided, however, I shall not be entitled to Bonus Compensation if (a) the Bankruptcy Case is converted to chapter 7 or dismissed; (b) a chapter 11 trustee is appointed in the Bankruptcy Case; (c) I am terminated by the Company for Cause; or (d) I resign prior to confirmation of a plan or court approval of a sale as described in the Fees and Expense/Compensation for Services section hereof. For purposes of this Agreement, "Cause" means any of the following grounds for termination of my engagement, in each case as reasonably determined by the Board within 60 days of the Board becoming aware of the existence of the event or circumstance: (A) fraud, embezzlement, or any act of moral turpitude or willful misconduct on my part; (B) conviction of or the entry of a plea of nolo contendere by me for any felony; (C) the willful breach by me of any material term of this Agreement; or (D) the willful failure or refusal by me to perform my duties to the Company, which, if capable of being cured, is not cured on or before fifteen (15) days after my receipt of written notice from the Company.

#### Conditional Requirement to Seek Further Bankruptcy Court Approval of Agreement

The official committee of unsecured creditors in the Bankruptcy Case (the "Committee") may, upon two weeks advance written notice to the Company, require the Company to file a motion with the Bankruptcy Court on normal notice seeking a continuation of this Agreement and if such motion is not filed, this Agreement will terminate at the expiration of such two week period. If the Company files such motion, I will be entitled to my Base Compensation through and including the date on which a final order is entered on such motion by the Bankruptcy Court. Notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, the Committee may not deliver such notice to the Company until a date which is more than ninety days following the date the Bankruptcy Court enters an order approving this Agreement.

#### Indemnification

As a material part of the consideration to me under this Agreement, the Company agrees (i) to indemnify and hold harmless me and any of my affiliates (the "<u>Indemnified Party</u>"), to the fullest extent lawful, from and against any and all losses, claims, costs, damages or liabilities (or actions in respect thereof), joint or several, arising out of or related to this Agreement, my engagement under this Agreement, or any actions taken or omitted to be taken by me or the Company in connection with this Agreement and (ii) to reimburse the Indemnified Party for all expenses (including, without limitation, the reasonable fees and expenses of counsel) as they are incurred in connection with investigating, preparing, pursuing, defending, settling or compromising any action, suit, dispute, inquiry, investigation or proceeding, pending or threatened, brought by or against any person (including, without limitation, any shareholder or derivative action, or any fee dispute), arising out of or relating to this Agreement, or such engagement, or actions. However, the Company shall not be liable under the foregoing indemnity and reimbursement agreement for any loss, claim, damage or liability which is finally judicially determined by a court of competent jurisdiction to have resulted primarily from the willful misconduct or gross negligence of the Indemnified Party.

The indemnification and insurance currently covering my role as a director shall be extended to me and fully cover me as provided therein in my roles as CEO and CRO.

#### Miscellaneous

This Agreement (a) constitutes the entire agreement of the parties with respect to the subject matter hereof and supersedes any other communications, understandings or agreements among the parties with respect to the subject matter hereof, and (b) may be modified, amended or supplemented only by written agreement among all the parties hereto.

This Agreement is subject to approval by the Bankruptcy Court. As part of such approval the Company shall request that any such order approving this Agreement contain a provision extending the protections afforded to me as a Board Member pursuant to Paragraph 10 of the Order Approving Settlement with Official Committee of Unsecured Creditors Regarding Governance of the Debtor and Procedures for Operations in the Ordinary Course entered by the Bankruptcy Court on January 9, 2020 [Docket No. 339] to my role as CEO and CRO, which Order prohibits the commencement of any action against me without first obtaining Bankruptcy Court approval to initiate such action.

This Agreement and all controversies arising from or related to performance hereunder shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of the State of New York. The parties hereby submit to the jurisdiction of and venue in the federal and state courts located in New York City and waive any right to trial by jury in connection with any dispute related to this Agreement.

This Agreement shall be binding upon the parties and their respective successors and assigns, and no other person shall acquire or have any right under or by virtue of this Agreement.

Failure of any party at any time to require performance of any provision of this Agreement shall not affect the right to require full performance thereof at any time thereafter, and the waiver by any party of a breach of such provisions shall not be taken as or held to be a waiver of any subsequent breach or as nullifying the effectiveness of such provision.

Notices provided for in this Agreement shall be in writing and shall be deemed to have been duly given when delivered by hand or overnight courier or three days after it has been mailed by United States registered mail, return receipt requested, postage prepaid, addressed to the respective address set forth above in this Agreement, or to such other address as either party may have furnished to the other in writing in accordance herewith.

This Agreement and my rights and duties hereunder shall not be assignable or delegable by me.

The Company may withhold from any amounts payable under this Agreement such Federal, state and local taxes as may be required to be withheld pursuant to any applicable law or regulation.

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Please confirm the foregoing is in accordance with your understanding by signing and returning a copy of this Agreement, whereupon it shall become binding and enforceable in accordance with its terms.

Very truly yours.

Strand Advisors, Inc.

James. P. Seery, Jr.

AGREED AND ACCEPTED

HIGHLAND CAPITAL MANAGEMENT L.P.

By: Strand Advisors, Inc., its general partner

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### **EXHIBIT 37**

#### IN THE UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS DALLAS DIVISION

In re:	) Chapter 11
HIGHLAND CAPITAL MANAGEMENT, L.P., 1	) Case No. 19-34054-sgj11
Debtor.	)

## DISCLOSURE STATEMENT FOR THE FIFTH AMENDED PLAN OF REORGANIZATION OF HIGHLAND CAPITAL MANAGEMENT, L.P.

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HIGHLAND CAPITAL MANAGEMENT, L.P., as debtor and debtor-in-possession in the above-captioned cases (the "<u>Debtor</u>"), is sending you this document and the accompanying materials (the "<u>Disclosure Statement</u>") because you are a creditor or interest holder in connection with the *Fifth Amended Chapter 11 Plan of Reorganization of Highland Capital Management, L.P.*, dated November 24, 2020, as the same may be amended from time to time (the "<u>Plan</u>"). The Debtor has filed a voluntary petition under chapter 11 of title 11 of the United States Code, as amended (the "<u>Bankruptcy Code</u>").

This Disclosure Statement has not yet been approved by the Bankruptcy Court as containing adequate information within the meaning of section 1125(a) of the Bankruptcy Code. The Debtor intends to seek an order or orders of the Bankruptcy Court (a) approving this Disclosure Statement as containing adequate information and (b) confirming the Plan.

A copy of the Plan is attached hereto as **Exhibit A**.

The Debtor believes that the Plan is fair and equitable, will maximize the value of the Debtor's Estate, and is in the best interests of the Debtor and its constituents. Notably, the Plan provides for the transfer of the majority of the Debtor's Assets to a Claimant Trust. The balance of the Debtor's Assets, including the management of the Managed Funds, will remain with the Reorganized Debtor. The Reorganized Debtor will be managed by New GP LLC – a whollyowned subsidiary of the Claimant Trust. This structure will allow for continuity in the Managed Funds and an orderly and efficient monetization of the Debtor's Assets.

The Claimant Trust, the Litigation Trust, or the Reorganized Debtor, as applicable, will institute, file, prosecute, enforce, abandon, settle, compromise, release, or withdraw any and all Causes of Action without any further order of the Bankruptcy Court, and the Claimant Trust and Reorganized Debtor, as applicable, will sell, liquidate, or otherwise monetize all Claimant Trust Assets and Reorganized Debtor Assets and resolve all Claims, except as otherwise provided in the Plan, the Claimant Trust Agreement, or the Reorganized Limited Partnership Agreement.

## IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT THIS DISCLOSURE STATEMENT FOR YOU TO READ

The Debtor is providing the information in this Disclosure Statement to Holders of Claims and Equity Interests in connection with the Debtor's Plan. Nothing in this Disclosure Statement may be relied upon or used by any Entity for any purpose other than with respect to confirmation of the Plan. The information contained in this Disclosure Statement is included for purposes of soliciting acceptances to, and confirmation of, the Plan and may not be relied on for any other purpose.

This Disclosure Statement has not been filed for approval with the Securities and Exchange Commission ("SEC") or any state authority and neither the SEC nor any state authority has passed upon the accuracy or adequacy of this Disclosure Statement or upon

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> All capitalized terms used but not otherwise defined herein shall have the meanings set forth in the Plan. To the extent that a definition of a term in the text of this Disclosure Statement and the definition of such term in the Plan are inconsistent, the definition included in the Plan shall control and govern.

the merits of the Plan. Any representation to the contrary is a criminal offense. This Disclosure Statement does not constitute an offer to sell or the solicitation of an offer to buy securities in any state or jurisdiction.

This Disclosure Statement contains "forward-looking statements" within the meaning of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. Such statements consist of any statement other than a recitation of historical fact and can be identified by the use of forward-looking terminology such as "may," "expect," "anticipate," "estimate" or "continue" or the negative thereof or other variations thereon or comparable terminology. The Debtor considers all statements regarding anticipated or future matters to be forward-looking statements. Forward-looking statements may include statements about:

- the effects of insolvency proceedings on the Debtor's business and relationships with its creditors;
- business strategy;
- financial condition, revenues, cash flows, and expenses;
- financial strategy, budget, projections, and operating results;
- variation from projected operating and financial data;
- substantial capital requirements;
- availability and terms of capital;
- plans, objectives, and expectations;
- the adequacy of the Debtor's capital resources and liquidity; and
- the Claimant Trust's or the Reorganized Debtor's ability to satisfy future cash obligations.

Statements concerning these and other matters are not guarantees of the Claimant Trust's or Reorganized Debtor's future performance. There are risks, uncertainties, and other important factors that could cause the Claimant Trust's or Reorganized Debtor's actual performance or achievements to be different from those that may be projected. The reader is cautioned that all forward-looking statements are necessarily speculative and there are certain risks and uncertainties that could cause actual events or results to differ materially from those referred to in such forward-looking statements. Therefore, any analyses, estimates, or recovery projections may or may not turn out to be accurate.

This Disclosure Statement has been prepared pursuant to section 1125 of the Bankruptcy Code and Bankruptcy Rule 3016 and is not necessarily in accordance with federal or state securities laws or other similar laws.

No legal or tax advice is provided to you by this Disclosure Statement. The Debtor urges each Holder of a Claim or an Equity Interest to consult with its own advisers with respect to any legal, financial, securities, tax or business advice in reviewing this Disclosure Statement, the Plan and each of the proposed transactions contemplated thereby. Further, the Bankruptcy Court's approval of the adequacy of disclosures contained in this Disclosure Statement does not constitute the Bankruptcy Court's approval of the merits of the Plan or a guarantee by the Bankruptcy Court of the accuracy or completeness of the information contained herein.

Pachulski Stang Ziehl & Jones LLP ("<u>PSZ&J</u>") is general insolvency counsel to the Debtor. Development Specialists, Inc. ("<u>DSI</u>") is the Debtor's financial advisor. PSZ&J, DSI, and the Independent Board (as defined below) have relied upon information provided by the Debtor in connection with preparation of this Disclosure Statement. PSZ&J has not independently verified the information contained herein.

This Disclosure Statement contains, among other things, summaries of the Plan, the management of the Reorganized Debtor, the Claimant Trust, certain statutory provisions, certain events in the Debtor's Chapter 11 Case, and certain documents related to the Plan that are attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference or that may be filed later with the Plan Supplement. Although the Debtor believes that these summaries are fair and accurate, these summaries are qualified in their entirety to the extent that the summaries do not set forth the entire text of such documents or statutory provisions or every detail of such events. In the event of any conflict, inconsistency or discrepancy between a description in this Disclosure Statement and the terms and provisions of the Plan or any other documents incorporated herein by reference, the Plan or such other documents will govern and control for all purposes. Except where otherwise specifically noted, factual information contained in this Disclosure Statement has been provided by the Debtor's management. The Debtor does not represent or warrant that the information contained herein or attached hereto is without any material inaccuracy or omission.

In preparing this Disclosure Statement, the Debtor relied on financial data derived from the Debtor's books and records and on various assumptions regarding the Debtor's business. The Debtor's management has reviewed the financial information provided in this Disclosure Statement. Although the Debtor has used its reasonable business judgment to ensure the accuracy of this financial information, the financial information contained in, or incorporated by reference into, this Disclosure Statement has not been audited (unless otherwise expressly provided herein) and no representations or warranties are made as to the accuracy of the financial information contained herein or assumptions regarding the Debtor's business and its, the Reorganized Debtor's, and the Claimant Trust's future results. The Debtor expressly cautions readers not to place undue reliance on any forward-looking statements contained herein.

This Disclosure Statement does not constitute, and may not be construed as, an admission of fact, liability, stipulation or waiver. Rather, this Disclosure Statement shall constitute a statement made in settlement negotiations related to potential contested matters, potential adversary proceedings and other pending or threatened litigation or actions.

No reliance should be placed on the fact that a particular litigation claim or projected objection to a particular Claim or Equity Interest is, or is not, identified in the Disclosure Statement. Except as provided under the Plan, the Debtor, the Reorganized Debtor, or the Claimant Trust, as applicable, may seek to investigate, file and prosecute Claims and Causes of Action and may object to Claims or Equity Interests after the Confirmation Date or Effective Date of the Plan irrespective of whether the Disclosure Statement identifies any such Claims or Equity Interests or objections to Claims or Equity Interests on the terms specified in the Plan.

The Debtor is generally making the statements and providing the financial information contained in this Disclosure Statement as of the date hereof where feasible, unless otherwise specifically noted. Although the Debtor may subsequently update the information in this Disclosure Statement, the Debtor has no affirmative duty to do so. Holders of Claims and Equity Interests reviewing this Disclosure Statement should not infer that, at the time of their review, the facts set forth herein have not changed since the Disclosure Statement was sent. Information contained herein is subject to completion, modification, or amendment. The Debtor reserves the right to file an amended or modified Plan and related Disclosure Statement from time to time.

The Debtor has not authorized any Entity to give any information about or concerning the Plan other than that which is contained in this Disclosure Statement. The Debtor has not authorized any representations concerning the Debtor or the value of its property other than as set forth in this Disclosure Statement.

Holders of Claims or Equity Interests must rely on their own evaluation of the Debtor and their own analyses of the terms of the Plan in considering the Plan. Importantly, each Holder of a Claim should review the Plan in its entirety and consider carefully all of the information in this Disclosure Statement and any exhibits hereto, including the risk factors described in greater detail in ARTICLE IV herein, "Risk Factors."

If the Plan is confirmed by the Bankruptcy Court and the Effective Date occurs, all Holders of Claims against, and Holders of Equity Interests in, the Debtor will be bound by the terms of the Plan and the transactions contemplated thereby.

The effectiveness of the Plan is subject to certain material conditions precedent described herein and set forth in Article IX of the Plan. There is no assurance that the Plan will be confirmed, or if confirmed, that the conditions required to be satisfied for the Plan to become effective will be satisfied (or waived).

#### **EXHIBITS**

**EXHIBIT A** – Plan of Reorganization

**EXHIBIT B** – Organizational Chart of the Debtor

**EXHIBIT C** – Liquidation Analysis/Financial Projections

THE DEBTOR HEREBY ADOPTS AND INCORPORATES EACH EXHIBIT ATTACHED TO THIS DISCLOSURE STATEMENT BY REFERENCE AS THOUGH FULLY SET FORTH HEREIN.

# ARTICLE I. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This Disclosure Statement is provided for informational purposes only.

In the opinion of the Debtor, the Plan is preferable to the alternatives described in this Disclosure Statement because it provides for the highest distributions to the Debtor's creditors and interest holders. The Debtor believes that any delay in confirmation of the Plan would result in significant administrative expenses resulting in less value available to the Debtor's constituents. In addition, any alternative other than confirmation of the Plan could result in extensive delays and increased administrative expenses resulting in smaller distributions to Holders of Allowed Claims and Equity Interests than that which is proposed under the Plan. Accordingly, the Debtor recommends that all Holders of Claims and Equity Interests support confirmation of the Plan.

This Executive Summary is being provided to Holders of Allowed Claims and Equity Interests as an overview of the material items addressed in the Disclosure Statement and the Plan, which is qualified by reference to the entire Disclosure Statement and by the actual terms of the Plan (including all exhibits attached hereto and to the Plan and the Plan Supplement), and should not be relied upon for a comprehensive discussion of the Disclosure Statement and/or the Plan. Section 1125 of the Bankruptcy Code requires a debtor to prepare a disclosure statement containing information of a kind, and in sufficient detail, to enable a hypothetical reasonable investor to make an informed judgment regarding acceptance or rejection of the plan of reorganization or liquidation. As such, this Disclosure Statement is being submitted in accordance with the requirements of section 1125 of the Bankruptcy Code. This Disclosure Statement includes, without limitation, information about:

- the Debtor's operating and financial history;
- the significant events that have occurred to date;
- the Confirmation process; and
- the terms and provisions of the Plan, including key aspects of the Claimant Trust and the Reorganized Debtor, certain effects of Confirmation of the Plan, certain risk factors relating to the Plan, and the manner in which distributions will be made under the Plan.

The Debtor believes that any alternative to Confirmation of the Plan would result in significant delays, litigation, and additional costs, and ultimately would diminish the Debtor's value. **Accordingly, the Debtor strongly supports confirmation of the Plan.** 

#### A. Summary of the Plan

The Plan represents a significant achievement for the Debtor. As discussed herein, the Plan provides that the Claimant Trust will receive the majority of the Debtor's assets, including Causes of Action. The assets being transferred to the Claimant Trust are referred to, collectively, as the Claimant Trust Assets. The Claimant Trust will – for the benefit of the Claimant Trust

Beneficiaries – monetize the Claimant Trust Assets, pursue the Causes of Action, and work to conclude the various lawsuits and litigation claims pending against the Estate.

The Plan also provides for the reorganization of the Debtor. This will be accomplished by the cancellation of the Debtor's current Equity Interests, which consist of partnership interests held by: The Dugaboy Investment Trust;<sup>3</sup> the Hunter Mountain Investment Trust ("<u>Hunter Mountain</u>"); Mark Okada, personally and through family trusts; and Strand, the Debtor's general partner. On the Effective Date, the Debtor or the Reorganized Debtor, as applicable, will issue new Class A Limited Partnership Interests to (i) the Claimant Trust, as limited partner, and (ii) New GP LLC, as general partner, and will admit (a) the Claimant Trust as the limited partner of the Reorganized Debtor, and (b) New GP LLC as the general partner of the Reorganized Debtor. The Claimant Trust, as limited partner, will ratify New GP LLC's appointment as general partner of the Reorganized Debtor. The Reorganized Debtor will be managed by the Claimant Trust, as the managing member of New GP LLC.

The Reorganized Debtor will oversee the monetization of the Reorganized Debtor Assets, which consist of, among other Assets, the management of the Managed Funds. The net proceeds from the Reorganized Debtor Assets will ultimately be distributed to the Claimant Trust and available for distribution to the Claimant Trust Beneficiaries.

The following is an overview of certain other material terms of the Plan:

- Allowed Priority Non-Tax Claims will be paid in full;
- Allowed Retained Employee Claims will be Reinstated;
- Allowed Convenience Claims will receive the lesser of (i) 85% of their Allowed Claim or (ii) such Holder's Pro Rata share of the Convenience Claims Cash Pool (i.e., \$13,150,000). Holders of Convenience Claims can elect the treatment provided to General Unsecured Claims by making the GUC Election on their Ballots;
- Allowed General Unsecured Claims and Allowed Subordinated Claims will receive their Pro Rata share of Claimant Trust Interests. The Claimant Trust Interests distributed to Allowed General Unsecured Claims will be senior to those distributed to Allowed Subordinated Claims as set forth in the Claimant Trust Agreement. Holders of General Unsecured Claims that are liquidated as of the Confirmation Date can elect the treatment provided to Convenience Class Election by reducing their Claims to \$1,000,000 and making the Convenience Class Election on their Ballots; and
- Allowed Class B/C Limited Partnership Interests and Allowed Class A Limited Partnership Interests will receive their Pro Rata share of the Contingent Claimant Trust Interests.

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> The Dugaboy Investment Trust is a Delaware trust created to manage the assets of James Dondero and his family.

# B. An Overview of the Chapter 11 Process

Chapter 11 is the principal business reorganization chapter of the Bankruptcy Code. Pursuant to chapter 11 of the Bankruptcy Code, a debtor may remain in possession of its assets and business and attempt to reorganize its business for the benefit of such debtor, its creditors, and other parties in interest. A plan of reorganization sets forth the means for satisfying claims against and interests in a debtor. Confirmation of a plan of reorganization by a bankruptcy court makes the plan binding upon the debtor and any creditor of or interest holder in the debtor, whether or not such creditor or interest holder (i) is impaired under or has accepted the plan or (ii) receives or retains any property under the plan.

The commencement of a Chapter 11 case creates an estate comprised of all of the legal and equitable interests of a debtor in property as of the date that the bankruptcy petition is filed. Sections 1107 and 1108 of the Bankruptcy Code provide that a debtor may continue to operate its business and remain in possession of its property as a "debtor-in-possession," unless the bankruptcy court orders the appointment of a trustee. The filing of a bankruptcy petition also triggers the automatic stay provisions of section 362 of the Bankruptcy Code which provide, among other things, for an automatic stay of all attempts to collect prepetition claims from a debtor or otherwise interfere with its property or business. Except as otherwise ordered by the bankruptcy court, the automatic stay generally remains in full force and effect until the consummation of a plan of reorganization or liquidation, following confirmation of such plan of reorganization.

The Bankruptcy Code provides that upon commencement of a chapter 11 bankruptcy case, the Office of the United States Trustee may appoint a committee of unsecured creditors and may, in its discretion, appoint additional committees of creditors or of equity interest holders if necessary to assure adequate representation. Please see ARTICLE II for a discussion of the U.S. Trustee and the statutory committees.

Upon the commencement of a chapter 11 bankruptcy case, all creditors and equity interest holders generally have standing to be heard on any issue in the chapter 11 proceedings pursuant to section 1109(b) of the Bankruptcy Code.

The formulation and confirmation of a plan is the principal objective of a chapter 11 case. The plan sets forth the means of satisfying the claims against and equity interests in the debtor.

## C. Purpose and Effect of the Plan

#### 1. The Plan of Reorganization

The Debtor is reorganizing pursuant to chapter 11 of the Bankruptcy Code. As a result, the Confirmation of the Plan means that the Debtor's business will continue to operate following confirmation of the Plan through the Claimant Trust and the Reorganized Debtor to monetize assets for distribution to Holders of Allowed Claims. The Claimant Trust will hold the Claimant Trust Assets and manage the efficient monetization of, the Claimant Trust Assets. The Claimant Trust will also manage the Reorganized Debtor through the Claimant Trust's ownership of the Reorganized Debtor's general partner, New GP LLC. The Claimant Trust will also be the sole limited partner in the Reorganized Debtor. The Reorganized Debtor will manage the wind down

of the Managed Funds as well as the monetization of the balance of the Reorganized Debtor Assets. The Claimant Trust will also establish a Litigation Sub-Trust in accordance with the Plan, which will also be for the benefit of the Claimant Trust Beneficiaries. The Litigation Sub-Trust will receive the Estate Claims. The Litigation Trustee shall be the exclusive trustee of the Estate Claims included in the Claimant Trust Assets subject to oversight by the Claimant Trust Oversight Committee

A bankruptcy court's confirmation of a plan binds the debtor, any entity acquiring property under the plan, any holder of a claim or an equity interest in a debtor and all other entities as may be ordered by the bankruptcy court in accordance with the applicable provisions of the Bankruptcy Code to the terms and conditions of the confirmed plan, whether or not such Entity voted on the plan or affirmatively voted to reject the plan.

#### 2. Plan Overview

The Plan provides for the classification and treatment of Claims against and Equity Interests in the Debtor. For classification and treatment of Claims and Equity Interests, the Plan designates Classes of Claims and Classes of Equity Interests. These Classes and Plan treatments take into account the differing nature and priority under the Bankruptcy Code of the various Claims and Equity Interests.

The following chart briefly summarizes the classification and treatment of Claims and Equity Interests under the Plan.<sup>4</sup> Amounts listed below are estimated.

In accordance with section 1122 of the Bankruptcy Code, the Plan provides for eight Classes of Claims against and/or Equity Interests in the Debtor.

The projected recoveries set forth in the table below are estimates only and therefore are subject to change. For a complete description of the Debtor's classification and treatment of Claims or Equity Interests, reference should be made to the entire Plan and the risk factors described in ARTICLE IV below. For certain classes of Claims, the actual amount of Allowed Claims could be materially different than the estimated amounts shown in the table below.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> This chart is only a summary of the classification and treatment of Claims and Equity Interests under the Plan. References should be made to the entire Disclosure Statement and the Plan for a complete description.

		<b>Estimated</b>			
	Type of Claim or	<b>Prepetition Claim</b>		Entitled to	<b>Estimated</b>
Class	Interest	Amount [1]	Impaired	Vote	Recovery
1	Jefferies Secured Claim	\$0.00	No	No	100%
2	Frontier Secured Claim[2]	\$5,209,964	Yes	Yes	100%
3	Other Secured Claims	\$551,116	No	No	100%
4	Priority Non-Tax Claim	\$16,489	No	No	100%
5	Retained Employee Claim	\$0	No	No	100%
6	PTO Claims [3]	\$1,181,886	No	No	100%
7	Convenience Claims[4]	\$12,064,333	Yes	Yes	85.00%
8	General Unsecured Claims[5]	\$180,442,199	Yes	Yes	85.31%
9	Subordinated Claims	Undetermined	Yes	Yes	Undetermined
10	Class B/C Limited Partnership Interests	N/A	Yes	Yes	Undetermined
11	Class A Limited Partnership Interests	N/A	Yes	Yes	Undetermined

- [1] Excludes Priority Tax Claims and certain other unclassified amounts totaling approximately \$1.1 million owed to Joshua and Jennifer Terry and Acis under a settlement agreement.
- [2] Excludes interest accrued postpetition estimated at \$318,000, which will be paid on the Effective Date. The Liquidation Analysis/Financial Projections provide for the payment of postpetition interest.
- [3] Represents outstanding PTO Claims as of September 30, 2020. PTO Claims are subject to adjustment depending on the amount of actual prepetition PTO Claims outstanding as of the Effective Date. PTO claims are accounted for in the Liquidation Analysis/Financial Projections as an administrative claim and will be paid out in ordinary courses pursuant to applicable state law.
- [4] Represents the estimated gross prepetition amount of Convenience Claims with a total payout amount estimated at 85% of \$12.06 million, or \$10.25 million. This number includes approximately \$1.113 million of potential Rejection Claims and assumes that Holders of Allowed General Unsecured Claims that are each less than \$2.50 million opt into the Convenience Class.
- [5] Assumes no recovery for UBS, the HarbourVest Entities, IFA, Hunter Mountain, and an Allowed Claim of only \$3,722,019 for Mr. Daugherty (each as discussed further below). Assumes \$1.440 million of potential rejection damage claims. The Liquidation Analysis/Financial Projections assume Highland RCP, LP and Highland RCP Offshore, LP offset their Claim of \$4.4 million against amounts owed to the Debtor.

#### 3. Voting on the Plan

Under the Bankruptcy Code, acceptance of a plan by a Class of Claims or Equity Interests is determined by calculating the number and the amount of Claims voting to accept, based on the actual total Allowed Claims or Equity Interests voting on the Plan. Acceptance by a Class of Claims requires more than one-half of the number of total Allowed Claims in the Class to vote in favor of the Plan and at least two-thirds in dollar amount of the total Allowed Claims in the Class to vote in favor of the Plan. Acceptance by a Class of Equity Interests requires at least two-thirds in amount of the total Allowed Equity Interests in the Class to vote in favor of the Plan.

Under the Bankruptcy Code, only Classes of Claims or Equity Interests that are "Impaired" and that are not deemed as a matter of law to have rejected a plan under Section 1126 of the Bankruptcy Code are entitled to vote to accept or reject the Plan. Any Class that is "Unimpaired" is not entitled to vote to accept or reject a plan and is conclusively presumed to have accepted the Plan. As set forth in Section 1124 of the Bankruptcy Code, a Class is "Impaired" if the legal, equitable, or contractual rights attaching to the claims or equity interests of that Class are modified or altered.

Pursuant to the Plan, Claims and Equity Interests in Class 2 and Class 7 through Class 11 are Impaired by the Plan, and only the Holders of Claims and Equity Interests in those Classes are entitled to vote to accept or reject the Plan. Whether a Holder of a Claim or Equity Interest in Class 2 and Class 7 through Class 11 may vote to accept or reject the Plan will also depend on whether the Holder held such Claim or Equity Interest as of November 23, 2020 (the "Voting Record Date"). The Voting Record Date and all of the Debtor's solicitation and voting procedures shall apply to all of the Debtor's Creditors and other parties in interest.

Pursuant to the Plan, Claims in Class 1 and Class 3 through Class 6 are Unimpaired by the Plan, and such Holders are deemed to have accepted the Plan and are therefore not entitled to vote on the Plan.

Pursuant to the Plan, there are no Classes that will not receive or retain any property and no Classes are deemed to reject the Plan.

#### 4. Confirmation of the Plan

#### (a) Confirmation Generally

"Confirmation" is the technical term for the Bankruptcy Court's approval of a plan of reorganization or liquidation. The timing, standards and factors considered by the Bankruptcy Court in deciding whether to confirm a plan of reorganization are discussed below.

The confirmation of a plan by the Bankruptcy Court binds the debtor, any issuer of securities under a plan, any person acquiring property under a plan, any creditor or equity interest holder of a debtor, and any other person or entity as may be ordered by the Bankruptcy Court in accordance with the applicable provisions of the Bankruptcy Code. Subject to certain limited exceptions, the order issued by the Bankruptcy Court confirming a plan discharges a debtor from any debt that arose before the confirmation of such plan and provides for the treatment of such debt in accordance with the terms of the confirmed plan.

#### (b) The Confirmation Hearing

Section 1128(a) of the Bankruptcy Code requires the Bankruptcy Court, after notice, to hold a hearing on Confirmation of the Plan. Section 1128(b) of the Bankruptcy Code provides that any party in interest may object to Confirmation of the Plan.

The Debtor will provide notice of the Confirmation Hearing to all necessary parties. The Confirmation Hearing may be adjourned from time to time without further notice except for an

announcement of the adjourned date made at the Confirmation Hearing of any adjournment thereof.

# 5. Confirming and Effectuating the Plan

It is a condition to the Effective Date of the Plan that the Bankruptcy Court shall have entered the Confirmation Order in form and substance reasonably acceptable to the Debtor and the Official Committee of Unsecured Creditors (the "Committee"). Certain other conditions contained in the Plan must be satisfied or waived pursuant to the provisions of the Plan.

# 6. Rules of Interpretation

The following rules for interpretation and construction shall apply to this Disclosure Statement: (1) capitalized terms used in the Disclosure Statement and not otherwise defined shall have the meaning ascribed to such terms in the Plan; (2) unless otherwise specified, any reference in this Disclosure Statement to a contract, instrument, release, indenture, or other agreement or document shall be a reference to such document in the particular form or substantially on such terms and conditions described; (3) unless otherwise specified, any reference in this Disclosure Statement to an existing document, schedule, or exhibit, whether or not filed, shall mean such document, schedule, or exhibit, as it may have been or may be amended, modified, or supplemented; (4) any reference to an entity as a Holder of a Claim or Equity Interest includes that Entity's successors and assigns; (5) unless otherwise specified, all references in this Disclosure Statement to Sections are references to Sections of this Disclosure Statement; (6) unless otherwise specified, all references in this Disclosure Statement to exhibits are references to exhibits in this Disclosure Statement; (7) unless otherwise set forth in this Disclosure Statement, the rules of construction set forth in section 102 of the Bankruptcy Code shall apply; and (8) any term used in capitalized form in this Disclosure Statement that is not otherwise defined in this Disclosure Statement or the Plan but that is used in the Bankruptcy Code or the Bankruptcy Rules shall have the meaning assigned to such term in the Bankruptcy Code or the Bankruptcy Rules, as applicable.

# 7. <u>Distribution of Confirmation Hearing Notice and Solicitation Package to Holders</u> of Claims and Equity Interests

As set forth above, Holders of Claims in Class 1 and Class 3 through Class 6 are not entitled to vote on the Plan. As a result, such parties will not receive solicitation packages or ballots but, instead, will receive this a notice of non-voting status, a notice of the Confirmation Hearing, and instructions on how to receive a copy of the Plan and Disclosure Statement.

The Debtor, with the approval of the Bankruptcy Court, has engaged Kurtzman Carson Consultants LLC (the "<u>Voting Agent</u>") to serve as the voting agent to process and tabulate Ballots for each Class entitled to vote on the Plan and to generally oversee the voting process. The following materials shall constitute the solicitation package (the "<u>Solicitation Package</u>"):

• This Disclosure Statement, including the Plan and all other Exhibits annexed thereto;

- The Bankruptcy Court order approving this Disclosure Statement (the "<u>Disclosure Statement Order</u>") (excluding exhibits);
- The notice of, among other things, (i) the date, time, and place of the hearing to consider Confirmation of the Plan and related matters and (ii) the deadline for filing objections to Confirmation of the Plan (the "Confirmation Hearing Notice");
- A single Ballot, to be used in voting to accept or to reject the Plan and applicable instructions with respect thereto (the "Voting Instructions");
- A pre-addressed, postage pre-paid return envelope; and
- Such other materials as the Bankruptcy Court may direct or approve.

The Debtor, through the Voting Agent, will distribute the Solicitation Package in accordance with the Disclosure Statement Order. The Solicitation Package is also available at the Debtor's restructuring website at www.kccllc.net/hcmlp.

On November 13, 2020, the Debtor filed the Plan Supplement [D.I. 1389] that included, among other things, the form of Claimant Trust Agreement, the Litigation Sub-Trust Agreement, the Reorganized Limited Partnership Agreement, New GP LLC Documents, the New Frontier Note, the Senior Employee Stipulation, and the identity of the initial members of the Claimant Trust Oversight Committee. The Plan Supplement also includes a schedule of the Causes of Action that will be retained after the Effective Date. The Plan Supplement may be supplemented or amended through and including December 18, 2020. If the Plan Supplement is supplemented, such supplemented documents will be made available on the Debtor's restructuring website at www.kccllc.net/hcmlp.

If you are the Holder of a Claim or Equity Interest and believe that you are entitled to vote on the Plan, but you did not receive a Ballot or your Ballot is damaged or illegible, or if you have any questions concerning voting procedures, you should contact the Voting Agent by writing to Kurtzman Carson Consultants LLC, via email at HighlandInfo@kccllc.com and reference "Highland Capital Management, L.P." in the subject line or by telephone at toll free: (877) 573-3984, or international: (310) 751-1829. If your Claim or Equity Interest is subject to a pending claim objection and you wish to vote on the Plan, you must file a motion pursuant to Bankruptcy Rule 3018 with the Bankruptcy Court for the temporary allowance of your Claim or Equity Interest for voting purposes or you will not be entitled to vote to accept or reject the Plan. Any such motion must be filed so that it is heard in sufficient time prior to the Voting Deadline to allow for your vote to be tabulated.

THE DEBTOR, THE REORGANIZED DEBTOR, AND THE CLAIMANT TRUSTEE, AS APPLICABLE, RESERVE THE RIGHT THROUGH THE CLAIM OBJECTION PROCESS TO OBJECT TO OR SEEK TO DISALLOW ANY CLAIM OR EQUITY INTEREST FOR DISTRIBUTION PURPOSES.

### 8. <u>Instructions and Procedures for Voting</u>

All votes to accept or reject the Plan must be cast by using the Ballots enclosed with the Solicitation Packages or otherwise provided by the Debtor or the Voting Agent. No votes other than ones using such Ballots will be counted, except to the extent the Bankruptcy Court orders otherwise. The Bankruptcy Court has fixed November 23, 2020, as the Voting Record Date for the determination of the Holders of Claims and Equity Interests who are entitled to (a) receive a copy of this Disclosure Statement and all of the related materials and (b) vote to accept or reject the Plan. The Voting Record Date and all of the Debtor's solicitation and voting procedures shall apply to all of the Debtor's Creditors and other parties in interest.

After carefully reviewing the Plan, this Disclosure Statement, and the detailed instructions accompanying your Ballot, you are asked to indicate your acceptance or rejection of the Plan by voting in favor of or against the Plan on the accompanying Ballot.

The deadline to vote on the Plan is January 5, 2021 at 5:00 p.m. (prevailing Central Time) (the "<u>Voting Deadline</u>"). In order for your vote to be counted, your Ballot must be properly completed in accordance with the Voting Instructions on the Ballot, and received no later than the Voting Deadline at the following address, as applicable:

# If by first class mail, personal delivery, or overnight mail to:

HCMLP Ballot Processing Center c/o KCC 222 N. Pacific Coast Highway, Suite 300 El Segundo, CA 90245

#### If by electronic voting:

You may submit your Ballot via the Balloting Agent's online portal. Please visit <a href="http://www.kccllc.net/hcmlp">http://www.kccllc.net/hcmlp</a> and click on the "Submit Electronic Ballot" section of the website and follow the instructions to submit your Ballot. IMPORTANT NOTE: You will need the Unique Electronic Ballot ID Number and the Unique Electronic Ballot PIN Number set forth on your customized ballot in order to vote via the Balloting Agent's online portal. Each Electronic Ballot ID Number is to be used solely for voting on those Claims or Interests on your electronic ballot. You must complete and submit an electronic ballot for each Electronic Ballot ID Number you receive, as applicable. Parties who cast a Ballot using the Balloting Agent's online portal should NOT also submit a paper Ballot.

Only the Holders of Claims and Equity Interests in Class 2 and Class 7 through Class 11 as of the Voting Record Date are entitled to vote to accept or reject the Plan, and they may do so by completing the appropriate Ballots and returning them in the envelope provided to the Voting Agent so as to be actually received by the Voting Agent by the Voting Deadline. Each Holder of a Claim and Equity Interest must vote its entire Claim or Equity Interest, as applicable, within a particular Class either to accept or reject the Plan and may not split such votes. If multiple Ballots are received from the same Holder with respect to the same Claim or Equity Interest prior to the Voting Deadline, the last timely received, properly executed Ballot will be deemed to

reflect that voter's intent and will supersede and revoke any prior Ballot. The Ballots will clearly indicate the appropriate return address. It is important to follow the specific instructions provided on each Ballot.

ALL BALLOTS ARE ACCOMPANIED BY VOTING INSTRUCTIONS. IT IS IMPORTANT THAT THE HOLDER OF A CLAIM OR EQUITY INTEREST IN THE CLASSES ENTITLED TO VOTE FOLLOW THE SPECIFIC INSTRUCTIONS PROVIDED WITH EACH BALLOT.

If you have any questions about (a) the procedure for voting your Claim or Equity Interest, (b) the Solicitation Package that you have received, or (c) the amount of your Claim or Equity Interest, or if you wish to obtain an additional copy of the Plan, this Disclosure Statement, or any appendices or Exhibits to such documents, please contact the Voting Agent at the address specified above. Copies of the Plan, Disclosure Statement and other documents filed in these Chapter 11 Case may be obtained free of charge on the Voting Agent's website at <a href="https://www.kccllc.net/hcmlp">www.kccllc.net/hcmlp</a> or by calling toll free at: (877) 573-3984, or international at: (310) 751-1829. You may also obtain copies of pleadings filed in the Debtor's case for a fee via PACER at pacer.uscourts.gov. Subject to any rules or procedures that have or may be implemented by the Court as a result of the COVID 19 Pandemic, documents filed in this case may be examined between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m., prevailing Central Time, Monday through Friday, at the Office of the Clerk of the Bankruptcy Court, Earle Cabell Federal Building, 1100 Commerce Street, Room 1254, Dallas, Texas 75242-1496.

The Voting Agent will process and tabulate Ballots for the Classes entitled to vote to accept or reject the Plan and will file a voting report (the "Voting Report") by January 11, 2021. The Voting Report will, among other things, describe every Ballot that does not conform to the Voting Instructions or that contains any form of irregularity, including, but not limited to, those Ballots that are late, illegible (in whole or in material part), unidentifiable, lacking signatures, lacking necessary information, or damaged.

THE DEBTOR URGES HOLDERS OF CLAIMS AND EQUITY INTERESTS WHO ARE ENTITLED TO VOTE TO TIMELY RETURN THEIR BALLOTS AND TO VOTE TO ACCEPT THE PLAN BY THE VOTING DEADLINE.

## 9. The Confirmation Hearing

The Bankruptcy Court has scheduled Confirmation Hearing Dates on January 13, 2021, and January 14, 2021, at 9:30 a.m. prevailing Central time. The Confirmation Hearing may be continued from time to time by the Bankruptcy Court or the Debtor without further notice other than by such adjournment being announced in open court or by a notice of adjournment filed with the Bankruptcy Court and served on such parties as the Bankruptcy Court may order. Moreover, the Plan may be modified or amended, if necessary, pursuant to section 1127 of the Bankruptcy Code, prior to, during or as a result of the Confirmation Hearing, without further notice to parties-in-interest.

# 10. The Deadline for Objecting to Confirmation of the Plan

The Bankruptcy Court has set a deadline of January 5, 2021, at 5:00 p.m. prevailing Central time, for the filing of objections to confirmation of the Plan (the "Confirmation Objection Deadline"). Any objection to confirmation of the Plan must: (i) be in writing; (ii) conform to the Bankruptcy Rules and the Local Rules; (iii) state the name of the objecting party and the amount and nature of the Claim of such Entity or the amount of Equity Interests held by such Entity; (iv) state with particularity the legal and factual bases and nature of any objection to the Plan and, if practicable, a proposed modification to the Plan that would resolve such objection; and (v) be filed, contemporaneously with a proof of service, with the Bankruptcy Court and served so that it is actually received no later than the Confirmation Objection Deadline by the parties set forth below (the "Notice Parties").

CONFIRMATION OBJECTIONS NOT TIMELY FILED AND SERVED IN THE MANNER SET FORTH HEREIN MAY NOT BE CONSIDERED BY THE BANKRUPTCY COURT AND MAY BE OVERRULED WITHOUT FURTHER NOTICE. INSTRUCTIONS WITH RESPECT TO THE CONFIRMATION HEARING AND DEADLINES WITH RESPECT TO CONFIRMATION WILL BE INCLUDED IN THE NOTICE OF CONFIRMATION HEARING APPROVED BY THE BANKRUPTCY COURT.

#### 11. Notice Parties

- Debtor: Highland Capital Management, L.P., 300 Crescent Court, Suite 700, Dallas, Texas 75201 (Attn: James P. Seery, Jr.);
- Counsel to the Debtor: Pachulski Stang Ziehl & Jones LLP, 10100 Santa Monica Boulevard, 13th Floor, Los Angeles, California 90067-4003 (Attn: Jeffrey Pomerantz, Esq.; Ira Kharasch, Esq., and Gregory Demo, Esq.);
- Counsel to the Committee: Sidley Austin, LLP, One South Dearborn, Chicago, Illinois 60603 (Attn: Matthew Clemente, Esq., and Alyssa Russell, Esq.); and
- Office of the United States Trustee, 1100 Commerce Street, Room 976, Dallas, Texas 75242 (Attn: Lisa Lambert, Esq.).

#### 12. Effect of Confirmation of the Plan

The Plan contains certain provisions relating to (a) the compromise and settlement of Claims and Equity Interests; (b) exculpation of certain parties; and (c) the release of claims against certain parties by the Debtor.

The Plan shall bind all Holders of Claims against and Equity Interests in the Debtor to the maximum extent permitted by applicable law, notwithstanding whether or not such Holder (i) will receive or retain any property or interest in property under the Plan, (ii) has filed a proof of claim in the Chapter 11 Case, or (iii) did not vote to accept or reject the Plan.

#### D. Effectiveness of the Plan

It will be a condition to the Effective Date of the Plan that all provisions, terms and conditions of the Plan are approved in the Confirmation Order unless otherwise satisfied or waived pursuant to the provisions of Article IX of the Plan. Following confirmation, the Plan will go into effect on the Effective Date.

#### E. RISK FACTORS

Each Holder of a Claim or an Equity Interest is urged to consider carefully all of the information in this Disclosure Statement, including the risk factors described in ARTICLE IV herein titled, "Risk Factors."

# ARTICLE II. BACKGROUND TO THE CHAPTER 11 CASE AND SUMMARY OF BANKRUPTCY PROCEEDINGS TO DATE

#### A. Description and History of the Debtor's Business

Prior to the Petition Date, the Debtor was a multibillion-dollar global alternative investment manager founded in 1993 by James Dondero and Mark Okada. A pioneer in the leveraged loan market, the firm evolved over twenty-five years, building on its credit expertise and value-based approach to expand into other asset classes.

As of the Petition Date, the Debtor operated a diverse investment platform, serving both institutional and retail investors worldwide. In addition to high-yield credit, the Debtor's investment capabilities include public equities, real estate, private equity and special situations, structured credit, and sector- and region-specific verticals built around specialized teams. Additionally, the Debtor provided shared services to its affiliated registered investment advisers.

#### **B.** The Debtor's Corporate Structure

The Debtor is headquartered in Dallas, Texas. The Debtor itself is a Delaware limited partnership and one of the principal operating arms of the Debtor's business. As of the Petition Date, the Debtor employed approximately 76 people, including executive-level management employees, finance and legal staff, investment professionals, and back-office accounting and administrative personnel.

Pursuant to various contractual arrangements, the Debtor, as of the Petition Date, provided money management and advisory services for approximately \$2.5 billion of assets under management shared services for approximately \$7.5 billion of assets managed by a variety of affiliated and unaffiliated entities, including other affiliated registered investment advisors. None of these affiliates filed for Chapter 11 protection. As of September 30, 2020, the Debtor provided money management and advisory services for approximately \$1.641 billion of assets under management and shared services for approximately \$7.136 billion of assets managed by a variety of affiliated and unaffiliated entities, including other affiliated registered investment advisors. Further, on the Petition Date, the value of the Debtor's Assets was approximately

\$566.5 million. As of September 30, 2020, the total value of Debtor's Assets totaled approximately \$328.3 million.

The drop in the value of the Debtor's Assets and assets under management was caused, in part, by the COVID-19 global pandemic. Specifically, the decline was the result of, among other things, the drop in value of the Debtor's assets generally, the loss of value in the Prime Accounts discussed below, the professional and other costs associated with the Chapter 11 Case, and the reserve of approximately \$59 million against a loan receivable listed as an asset.

<u>Asset</u>		<u>10/16/2019</u>	9/30/2020	
Investments (FV)[1]		\$232,620,000	\$109,479,000	
Investments (Equity)		\$161,819,000	\$101,213,000	
Cash/Cash Equivalents		\$2,529,000	\$5,888,000	
Management/Incentive Receivable	Fees	\$2,579,000	\$3,350,000	
Fixed Assets, net		\$3,754,000	\$2,823,000	
Loan Receivables		\$151,901,000	\$93,445,000[2]	
Other Assets		\$11,311,000	\$12,105,000	
	Totals	\$566,513,000	\$328,302,000	

<sup>[1]</sup> Includes decrease in value of assets, costs of Chapter 11 Cases, and assets sold to satisfy liabilities.

The Debtor's organizational chart is attached hereto as <u>Exhibit B</u>. The organizational chart is not all inclusive and certain entities have been excluded for the sake of brevity.

#### C. Business Overview

The Debtor's primary means of generating revenue has historically been from fees collected for the management and advisory services provided to funds that it manages, plus fees generated for services provided to its affiliates. For additional liquidity, the Debtor, prior to the Petition Date, would sell liquid securities in the ordinary course held through its prime brokerage account at Jefferies, LLC ("Jefferies"), as described in additional detail below. The Debtor would also, from time to time, sell assets at non-Debtor subsidiaries and distribute those proceeds to the Debtor in the ordinary course of business. During calendar year 2018, the Debtor's stand-alone annual revenue totaled approximately \$50 million. During calendar year 2019, the Debtor's stand-alone revenue totaled approximately \$36.1 million.

# D. Prepetition Capital Structure

#### 1. Jefferies Margin Borrowings (Secured)

The Debtor is party to that certain *Prime Brokerage Customer Agreement* with Jefferies dated May 24, 2013 (the "Brokerage Agreement"). Pursuant to the terms of the Brokerage Agreement and related documents, the Debtor maintains a prime brokerage account with

<sup>[2]</sup> Net of reserve of \$59 million.

Jefferies (the "<u>Prime Account</u>"). A prime brokerage account is a unique type of brokerage account that allows sophisticated investors to, among other things, borrow both money on margin to purchase securities and common stock to facilitate short positions. A prime brokerage account also serves as a custodial account and holds client securities in the prime broker's street name.

As of the Petition Date, the Debtor held approximately \$57 million of equity in liquid and illiquid securities (the "Securities") in the Prime Account. Pursuant to the Brokerage Agreement, the Debtor granted a lien in favor of Jefferies in the Securities and all of the proceeds thereof.

However, because of the economic distress caused by the COVID-19 global pandemic, the value of the Securities held in the Prime Account dropped since the Petition Date, and Jefferies has exerted significant pressure on the Debtor to liquidate the Securities to satisfy margin calls. As of September 30, 2020, the equity value of the Securities in the Prime Account was approximately \$23.3 million, and the Debtor owed no amounts to Jefferies. The Debtor has been actively selling Securities to cover operating expenses and professional fees.

#### 2. The Frontier Bank Loan (Secured)

The Debtor and Frontier State Bank ("Frontier Bank") are parties to that certain *Loan Agreement* dated as of August 17, 2015 (the "Original Frontier Loan Agreement"), pursuant to which Frontier Bank loaned to the Debtor the aggregate principal amount of \$9.5 million. On March 29, 2018, the Debtor and Frontier Bank entered into that certain First Amended and Restated Loan Agreement (the "Amended Frontier Loan Agreement"), amending and superseding the Original Frontier Loan Agreement. Pursuant to the Amended Frontier Loan Agreement, Frontier Bank made an additional \$1 million loan to the Debtor (together with the borrowings under the Original Frontier Loan Agreement, the "Frontier Loan"). The Frontier Loan matures on August 17, 2021.

Pursuant to that certain Security and Pledge Agreement dated August 17, 2015, between Frontier Bank and the Debtor, as amended by the Amended Frontier Loan Agreement, the Debtor's obligations under the Frontier Loan are secured by 171,724 shares of voting common stock of MGM Holdings, Inc. (collectively, the "Frontier Collateral").

The aggregate principal balance of the Frontier Loan was approximately \$5.2 million. As of September 30, 2020, the value of the Frontier Collateral was approximately \$13.1 million, and approximately \$318,000 in postpetition interest had accrued.

#### 3. Other Unsecured Obligations

As discussed below, the Plan provides for four Classes of unsecured claims: (i) PTO Claims, (ii) the Convenience Claims, (iii) the General Unsecured Claims, and (iv) the Subordinated Claims.

The Debtor has various substantial litigation claims asserted against it, which have been classified as General Unsecured Claims. In addition, as of the Petition Date, the Debtor had ordinary course trade debt, unaccrued employee bonus obligations and loan repayment, and

contractual commitments to various affiliated and unaffiliated non-Debtor entities for capital calls, contributions, and other potential reimbursement or funding obligations that were potentially in the tens of millions of dollars. The Debtor is still assessing these claims and its liability for such amounts. These Claims have been classified as Convenience Claims and Subordinated Claims.

#### 4. <u>Equity Interests</u>

The Debtor is a Delaware limited partnership. As of the Petition Date, the Debtor had three classes of limited partnership interest (Class A, Class B, and Class C). The Class A interests were held by The Dugaboy Investment Trust, Mark Okada, personally and through family trusts, and Strand, the Debtor's general partner. The Class B and C interests were held by Hunter Mountain.

In the aggregate, the Debtor's limited partnership interests were held: (a) 99.5% by Hunter Mountain; (b) 0.1866% by The Dugaboy Investment Trust, (c) 0.0627% by Mark Okada, personally and through family trusts, and (d) 0.25% by Strand.

#### E. SEC Filings

The Debtor is an investment adviser registered with the SEC as required by the Investment Advisers Act of 1940. As a registered investment adviser, the Debtor is required to file (at least annually) a Form ADV. The Debtor's current Form ADV is available at https://adviserinfo.sec.gov/.

Following the Effective Date, it is anticipated that the Reorganized Debtor will maintain its registration with the SEC as a registered investment adviser.

#### F. Events Leading Up to the Debtor's Bankruptcy Filings

The Chapter 11 Case was precipitated by the rendering of an Arbitration Award (as that term is defined below) against the Debtor on May 9, 2019, by a panel of the American Arbitration Association (the "Panel"), in favor of the Redeemer Committee of the Highland Crusader Fund (the "Redeemer Committee").

The Debtor was formerly the investment manager for the Highland Crusader Funds (the "<u>Crusader Funds</u>") that were formed between 2000 and 2002. In September and October 2008, as the financial markets in the United States began to fail, the Debtor was flooded with redemption requests from Crusader Funds' investors, as the Crusader Funds' assets lost significant value.

On October 15, 2008, the Debtor placed the Crusader Funds in wind-down, thereby compulsorily redeeming the Crusader Funds' limited partnership interests. The Debtor also declared that it would liquidate the Crusader Funds' remaining assets and distribute the proceeds to investors.

However, disputes concerning the distribution of the assets arose among certain investors. After several years of negotiations, a Joint Plan of Distribution of the Crusader Funds

(the "<u>Crusader Plan</u>"), and the Scheme of Arrangement between Highland Crusader Fund and its Scheme Creditors (the "<u>Crusader Scheme</u>"), were adopted in Bermuda and became effective in August 2011. As part of the Crusader Plan and the Crusader Scheme, the Redeemer Committee was elected from among the Crusader Funds' investors to oversee the Debtor's management of the Crusader Funds.

Between October 2011 and January 2013, in accordance with the Crusader Plan and the Crusader Scheme, the Debtor distributed in excess of \$1.2 billion to the Crusader Funds' investors. The Debtor distributed a further \$315.3 million through June 2016.

However, disputes subsequently arose between the Redeemer Committee and the Debtor. On July 5, 2016, the Redeemer Committee (a) terminated and replaced the Debtor as investment manager of the Crusader Fund, (b) commenced an arbitration against the Debtor (the "Arbitration"), and (c) commenced litigation in Delaware Chancery Court, to, among other things, obtain a status quo order in aid of the arbitration, which order was subsequently entered.

Following an evidentiary hearing, the Panel issued (a) a *Partial Final Award*, dated March 6, 2019 (the "March Award"), (b) a *Disposition of Application for Modification of Award*, dated March 14, 2019 (the "Modification Award"), and (c) a *Final Award*, dated May 9, 2019 (the "Final Award" and together with the March Award and the Modification Award, the "Arbitration Award"). Pursuant to the Arbitration Award, the Redeemer Committee was awarded gross damages against the Debtor in the aggregate amount of \$136,808,302; as of the Petition Date, the total value of the Arbitration Award was \$190,824,557, inclusive of interest

Prior to the Petition Date, the Redeemer Committee moved in the Chancery Court to confirm the Arbitration Award. For its part, the Debtor moved to vacate parts of the Final Award contending that certain aspects were procedurally improper. The Redeemer Committee's motion to confirm the Arbitration Award and the Debtor's motion to vacate were fully briefed and were scheduled to be heard by the Chancery Court on the day the Debtor filed for bankruptcy

On the Petition Date, the Debtor believed that the aggregate value of its assets exceeded the amount of its liabilities; however, the Debtor filed the Chapter 11 Case because it did not have sufficient liquidity to immediately satisfy the Award or post a supersedeas bond necessary to pursue an appeal.

#### G. Additional Prepetition Litigation

In addition to the litigation with the Redeemer Committee described above, the Debtor, both directly and through certain subsidiaries, affiliates, and related entities, was party to substantial prepetition litigation. Although the Debtor disputes the allegations raised in this litigation and believes it has substantial defenses, this litigation has resulted in substantial Claims against the Debtor's Estate, each of which has been classified as a General Unsecured Claim. To the extent that these litigation Claims cannot be resolved consensually, they will be litigated by the Claimant Trustee or Reorganized Debtor, as applicable. The Debtor's major prepetition litigation is as follows:

- Redeemer Committee: The dispute with the Redeemer Committee is described in ARTICLE II.F above. As discussed in ARTICLE II.R, the Bankruptcy Court entered an order approving a settlement that resolves the Redeemer Committee's claims against the Estate; however, that order is currently subject to appeal.
- Acis Capital Management, L.P., & Acis Capital Management GP, LLC: January 30, 2018, Joshua Terry filed involuntary bankruptcy petitions against both Acis Capital Management, L.P. ("Acis LP") and its general partner, Acis Capital Management GP, LLC ("Acis GP," and collectively with Acis LP, "Acis") in the Bankruptcy Court for the Northern District of Texas, Dallas Division, the Honorable Judge Jernigan presiding (the same judge presiding over the Chapter 11 Case), Case No. 18-30264-SGJ (the "Acis Case"). Mr. Terry had been an employee of the Debtor and a limited partner of Acis LP. Mr. Terry was terminated in June 2016, and obtained a multi-million dollar arbitration award against Acis. Overruling various objections, the Bankruptcy Court entered the orders for relief for the Acis debtors in April 2018, and a chapter 11 trustee was appointed. The Debtor filed a proof of claim against Acis and an administrative claim. Acis disputes the Debtor's claim, and the Debtor has not received any distributions on its claim to date. On January 31, 2019, Acis's chapter 11 plan was confirmed, and Mr. Terry become the sole owner of reorganized Acis. Several appeals remain pending, including an appeal of the entry of the Acis orders for relief and the Acis confirmation order.

The Acis trustee commenced a lawsuit against the Debtor, among others, alleging fraudulent conveyance and other causes of action in relation to the Debtor's alleged prepetition effort to control and transfer away Acis's assets to avoid paying Mr. Terry's claim. After the confirmation of the Acis plan, reorganized Acis allegedly supplanted the Acis Trustee as plaintiff and filed an amended complaint against the Debtor and other defendants, which claims comprise Acis's pending proof of claim against the Debtor.

As discussed in ARTICLE II.R, the Bankruptcy Court entered an order approving a settlement that resolves Acis's claims against the Estate; however, that order is currently subject to appeal.

• <u>UBS Securities LLC and UBS AG London Branch</u>: UBS Securities LLC ("<u>UBS Securities</u>") filed a proof of claim in the amount of \$1,039,957,799.40 [Claim No. 190] (the "<u>UBS Securities Claim</u>"), and UBS AG, London Branch ("<u>UBS London</u>," and together with UBS Securities, "<u>UBS</u>") filed a substantively identical proof of claim in the amount of \$1,039,957,799.40 [Claim No. 191] (the "<u>UBS London Claim</u>" and together with the UBS Securities Claim, the "<u>UBS Claim</u>"). The UBS Claim was based on the amount of a judgment UBS received on a breach of contract claim against funds related to the Debtor that were unable to honor margin calls in 2008. Although the Debtor had no obligation under UBS's contracts with the funds, UBS alleges the Debtor is liable for the judgment because it (i) breached an alleged duty to ensure that the funds could pay UBS, (ii) caused or permitted \$233 million in alleged fraudulent transfers to be made by

Highland Financial Partners, L.P. ("HFP") in March 2009, and (iii) is an alter ego of the funds. The Debtor believes there are meritorious defenses to most, if not all, of the UBS Claim for numerous reasons, including: (i) decisions by the New York Appellate Division that limited UBS's claims to the March 2009 transfers that it alleges were fraudulent; (ii) those decisions should also apply to any alter ego claim (which at this time has not been formally asserted against the Debtor); (iii) UBS settled claims relating to \$172 million of the \$233 million in alleged fraudulent transfers and the Debtor is covered by the release; and (iv) the March 2009 transfers were in any event part of a wholly legitimate transaction that did not target UBS and for which HFP received fair consideration. Those and several additional defenses are described in the *Debtor's Objection to Proofs of Claim 190 and 191 of UBS Securities LLC and UBS AG, London Branch* [D.I. 928].

On October 19, 2020, both the Debtor and the Redeemer Committee filed motions seeking partial summary judgment of the UBS Claim, which, if granted, will significantly decrease the UBS Claim. UBS responded to these motions on November 6, 2020 [D.I. 1341]. On November 20, 2020, the Bankruptcy Court granted partial summary judgment in favor of the Debtor and the Redeemer Committee. It is anticipated that the Bankruptcy Court will enter a formal order within the next couple of weeks.

• Patrick Daugherty: Patrick Daugherty has Filed a Proof of Claim for "at least \$37,483,876.62" [Claim Nos. 67; 77] (the "Daugherty Claim"). Mr. Daugherty is a former limited partner and employee of the Debtor. The Daugherty Claim has three components, and Mr. Daugherty asserts claims: (1) for indemnification for any taxes Mr. Daugherty is required to pay as a result of the IRS audit of the Debtor's 2008-2009 tax return; (2) for defamation arising from a 2017 press release posted by the Debtor; and (3) arising from a pending Delaware lawsuit against the Debtor, which seeks to recover a judgment of \$2.6 million in respect of Highland Employee Retention Assets ("HERA"), plus interest, from assets Mr. Daugherty claims were fraudulently transferred to the Debtor. The Daugherty Claim also seeks (a) the value of Mr. Daugherty's asserted interest in HERA, which he values at approximately \$26 million; and (b) indemnification for fees incurred in the Delaware action and in previous litigation in Texas State Court. The Debtor believes that the Daugherty Claim should be allowed in the amount of

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> See Debtor's Motion for Partial Summary Judgment on Proof of Claim Nos. 190 and 191 of UBS Securities LLC and UBS AG, London Branch [D.I. 1180]; Debtor's Opening Brief in Support of Motion for Partial Summary Judgment on Proof of Claim Nos. 190 and 191 of UBS Securities LLC and UBS AG, London Branch [D.I. 1181]; Redeemer Committee of the Highland Crusader Fund and the Crusaders Funds' Motion for Partial Summary Judgment on Proof of Claim Nos. 190 and 191 of UBS AG, London Branch and UBS Securities LLC [D.I. 1183]; and Redeemer Committee of the Highland Crusader Fund and the Crusaders Funds' Brief in Support of Motion for Partial Summary Judgment and Joinder in the Debtor's Motion for Partial Summary Judgment on Proof of Claim No. 190 and 191 of UBS AG, London Branch and UBS Securities LLC [D.I. 1186].

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup> On October 23, 2020, Mr. Daugherty filed *Patrick Hagaman Daugherty's Motion for Leave to Amend Proof of Claim No.* 77 [D.I. 1280] pursuant to which Mr. Daugherty has asked leave to amend the Daugherty Claim to assert damages of \$40,710,819.42. On November 17, 2020, the Bankruptcy Court approved Mr. Daugherty's request to amend the Daugherty Claim from the bench.

\$3,722,019; however, the Debtor believes, for various reasons, that the balance of the Daugherty Claim lacks merit. The Debtor's defenses to the Daugherty Claim are described in the *Debtor's (i) Objection to Claim No. 77 of Patrick Hagaman Daugherty and (ii) Complaint to Subordinate Claim of Patrick Hagaman Daugherty* [D.I. 1008].

# H. The Debtor's Bankruptcy Proceeding

On October 16, 2019, the Debtor commenced a voluntary case under chapter 11 of the Bankruptcy Code in the United States Bankruptcy Court for the District of Delaware (the "<u>Delaware Bankruptcy Court</u>"). On December 4, 2019, the Delaware Bankruptcy Court entered an order transferring venue of the Chapter 11 Case to the Bankruptcy Court for the Northern District of Texas, Dallas Division (the "<u>Bankruptcy Court</u>"). The Debtor continues to operate its business and manage its properties as debtor-in-possession under the jurisdiction of the Bankruptcy Court and in accordance with the applicable provisions of the Bankruptcy Code and orders of the Bankruptcy Court.

An immediate effect of commencement of the Chapter 11 Case was the imposition of the automatic stay under the Bankruptcy Code which, with limited exceptions, enjoins the commencement or continuation of all collection efforts, the enforcement of liens against property of the Debtor, and the continuation of litigation against the Debtor during the pendency of the Chapter 11 Case. The automatic stay will remain in effect, unless modified by the Bankruptcy Court, until the later of the Effective Date and the date indicated in any order providing for the implementation of such stay or injunction.

# I. First Day Relief

On or about the Petition Date, the Debtor filed certain "first day" motions and applications (the "<u>First Day Motions</u>") with the Delaware Bankruptcy Court seeking certain immediate relief to aid in the efficient administration of this Chapter 11 Case and to facilitate the Debtor's transition to debtor-in-possession status. A brief description of each of the First Day Motions and the evidence in support thereof is set forth in the *Declaration of Frank Waterhouse in Support of First Day Motions* [D.I. 11] (the "<u>First Day Declaration</u>"). At a hearing on October 19, 2019, the Delaware Bankruptcy Court granted virtually all of the relief initially requested in the First Day Motions [D.I. 39, 40, 42-44].

The Delaware Bankruptcy Court subsequently entered an order authorizing the Debtor to pay critical vendor claims on a final basis [D.I. 168]. Following the transfer of the Chapter 11 Case to the Bankruptcy Court, the Bankruptcy Court entered an order authorizing the Debtor to continue its cash management system on a final basis [D.I. 379]

The First Day Motions, the First Day Declaration, and all orders for relief granted in this case can be viewed free of charge at https://www.kccllc.net/hcmlp.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>7</sup> All docket reference numbers refer to the docket maintained by the Bankruptcy Court.

#### J. Other Procedural and Administrative Motions

On and after the Petition Date, the Debtor also filed a number of motions and applications to retain professionals and to streamline the administration of the Chapter 11 Case, including:

- Interim Compensation Motion. On October 29, 2019, the Debtor filed the Debtor's Motion Pursuant o Sections 105(a), 330 and 331 of the Bankruptcy Code for Administrative Order Establishing Procedures for Interim Compensation and Reimbursement of Expenses of Professionals [D.I. 72] (the "Interim Compensation Motion"). The Interim Compensation Motion sought to establish procedures for the allowance and payment of compensation and reimbursement of expenses for attorneys and other professionals whose retentions are approved by the Bankruptcy Court pursuant to section 327 or 1103 of the Bankruptcy Code and who will be required to file applications for allowance of compensation and reimbursement of expenses pursuant to section 330 and 331 of the Bankruptcy Code. On November 14, 2019, the Delaware Bankruptcy Court entered an order granting the Interim Compensation Motion [D.I. 141].
- Ordinary Course Professionals. On October 29, 2019, the Debtor filed the Motion of the Debtor for an Order Authorizing the Debtor to Retain, Employ, and Compensate Certain Professionals Utilized by the Debtor in the Ordinary Course of Business [D.I. 75] (the "OCP Motion"). The OCP Motion sought authority for the Debtor to retain and compensate certain professionals in the ordinary course of its business. On November 26, 2019, the Delaware Bankruptcy Court entered an order granting the OCP Motion [D.I. 176].
- Retention Applications. During the course of the chapter 11 case, the Delaware Bankruptcy Court or Bankruptcy Court, as applicable, have approved a number of applications by the Debtor seeking to retain certain professionals pursuant to sections 327, 328 and/or 363 of the Bankruptcy Code, including Pachulski Stang Ziehl & Jones LLP as legal counsel [D.I. 183], Development Specialists, Inc. as chief restructuring officer and financial advisor [D.I. 342], Kurtzman Carson Consultants LLC as administrative advisor [D.I. 74], Mercer (US) Inc. as compensation consultant [D.I. 381], Hayward & Associates PLLC as local counsel [D.I. 435], Foley Gardere, Foley & Lardner LLP as special Texas counsel [D.I. 513], Deloitte Tax LLP as tax services provider [D.I. 551], Wilmer Cutler Pickering Hale and Dorr LLP as regulatory and compliance counsel [D.I. 669], and Hunton Andrews Kurth LLP as special tax counsel [D.I. 763].

#### K. United States Trustee

While the Chapter 11 Case was pending in the Delaware Bankruptcy Court, the U.S. Trustee for Region 3 appointed Jane Leamy as the attorney for the U.S. Trustee in connection with this Chapter 11 Case (the "Delaware U.S. Trustee"). Following the transfer of the Chapter 11 Case to the Bankruptcy Court, the Delaware U.S. Trustee no longer represented the U.S. Trustee, and the U.S. Trustee for Region 6 appointed Lisa Lambert as the attorney for the U.S. Trustee in connection with this Chapter 11 Case (the "Texas U.S. Trustee," and together with the

Delaware U.S. Trustee, the "<u>U.S. Trustee</u>"). The Debtor has worked cooperatively to address concerns and comments from the U.S. Trustee's office during this Chapter 11 Case.

# L. Appointment of Committee

On October 29, 2019, the Delaware U.S. Trustee appointed the Committee in this Chapter 11 Case [D.I. 65]. The members of the Committee are (a) Redeemer Committee of Highland Crusader Fund, (b) Meta-e Discovery, (c) UBS Securities LLC and UBS AG London Branch, and (d) Acis Capital Management, L.P. and Acis Capital Management GP, LLP. Meta-E Discovery is a vendor to the Debtor. The other members of the Committee are litigants in prepetition litigation with the Debtor as described in ARTICLE II.G. The Bankruptcy Court approved the retention of Sidley Austin LLP as counsel to the Committee [D.I. 334], Young Conaway Stargatt & Taylor, LLP as Delaware co-counsel to the Committee [D.I. 337], and FTI Consulting, Inc. as financial advisor to the Committee [D.I. 336].

#### **M.** Meeting of Creditors

The meeting of creditors under section 341(a) of the Bankruptcy Code was initially scheduled for November 20, 2019, at 9:30 a.m. (prevailing Eastern Time) at the J. Caleb Boggs Federal Building, 844 N. King Street, Room 3209, Wilmington, Delaware 19801, and was rescheduled to December 3, 2019, at 10:30 a.m. (prevailing Eastern Time). At the meeting of creditors, the Delaware U.S. Trustee and creditors asked questions of a representative of the Debtor.

Following the transfer of the Chapter 11 Case to the Bankruptcy Court, the Texas U.S. Trustee scheduled an additional meeting of creditors under section 341(a) for January 9, 2020, at 11:00 a.m. (prevailing Central Time) at the Office of the U.S. Trustee, 1100 Commerce Street, Room 976, Dallas, Texas 75242, at the conclusion of that meeting, the Texas U.S. Trustee continued the meeting to January 22, 2020. The Texas U.S. Trustee and creditors asked questions of a representative of the Debtor at the January 9 and January 22, 2020 meetings.

#### N. Schedules, Statements of Financial Affairs, and Claims Bar Date

The Debtor filed its Schedules of Assets and Liabilities and Statements of Financial Affairs (the "Schedules") on December 19, 2019 [D.I. 247-248]. A creditor whose Claim is set forth in the Schedules and not identified as contingent, unliquidated or disputed may have elected to file a proof of claim against the Debtor.

The Bankruptcy Court established (i) April 8, 2020 as the deadline for Creditors (other than governmental units) to file proofs of claim against the Debtor; (ii) April 13, 2020, as the deadline for any governmental unit (as such term is defined in section 101(27) of the Bankruptcy Code), (iii) April 23, 2020, and as the deadline for any investors in any fund managed by the Debtor to file proofs of claim against the Debtor; and (iv) May 26, 2020 as the deadline for the Debtor's employees to file proofs of claim against the Debtor pursuant to and accordance with Court's order entered on April 3, 2020 [D.I. 560]. Consequently, the bar date for filing proofs

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>8</sup> During the course of its Chapter 11 Case, the Debtor entered into stipulations to extend the Bar Date for certain other claimants or potential claimants.

of claims has passed and any claims filed after the applicable bar date will be considered late filed.

#### O. Governance Settlement with the Committee

On January 9, 2020, the Bankruptcy Court entered the *Order Approving Settlement with Official Committee of Unsecured Creditors Regarding Governance of the Debtor and Procedures for Operations in the Ordinary Course* [D.I. 339] (the "<u>Settlement Order</u>").

Among other things, the Settlement Order approved a term sheet (the "<u>Term Sheet</u>") agreed to by the Debtor and the Committee pursuant to which the Debtor agreed to abide by certain protocols governing the production of documents and certain protocols governing the operation of the Debtor's business (the "<u>Operating Protocols</u>"). Under the Operating Protocols, the Debtor agreed to seek consent from the Committee prior to entering into certain "Transactions" (as defined in the Operating Protocols. The Operating Protocols were amended on February 21, 2020, with the consent of the Committee [D.I. 466].

Pursuant to the Term Sheet, the Debtor also granted the Committee standing to pursue certain estate claims and causes of action against Mr. Dondero, Mr. Okada, other insiders of the Debtor, and the Related Entities (as defined in the Operating Protocols) (collectively, the "Estate Claims"). To the extent permitted, the Estate Claims and the ability to pursue the Estate Claims are being transferred to either the Claimant Trust or Litigation Sub-Trust pursuant to the Plan.

In connection with the Settlement Order, an independent board of directors was also appointed at Strand, the Debtor's general partner (the "<u>Independent Board</u>"). The members of the Independent Board are John S. Dubel, James P. Seery, Jr., and Russell Nelms. The Independent Board was tasked with managing the Debtor's operations during the Chapter 11 Case and facilitating a reorganization or orderly liquidation of the Debtor's Estate.

# P. Appointment of James P. Seery, Jr., as Chief Executive Officer and Chief Restructuring Officer

Following their appointment in January 2020, the Independent Board determined that it would be more efficient for the Debtor to have a traditional corporate management structure, i.e. a fully engaged chief executive officer supervised by the Independent Board. The Independent Board ultimately determined that Mr. Seery – a member of the Independent Board – had the requisite experience and expertise to lead the Debtor. On June 23, 2020, the Debtor filed Debtor's Motion Under Bankruptcy Code Sections 105(a) and 363(b) for Authorization to Retain James P. Seery, Jr., as Chief Executive Officer, Chief Restructuring Officer and Foreign Representative Nunc Pro Tunc to March 15, 2020 [D.I. 774] (the "Seery Retention Motion") to retain Mr. Seery as chief executive officer, chief restructuring officer, and foreign representative.

The Bankruptcy Court entered an order approving the Seery Retention Motion on July 16, 2020 [D.I. 854]. Mr. Seery was retained as the Debtor's chief executive officer and the duties of Bradley Sharp of DSI as the Debtor's chief restructuring officer and foreign representative were transferred to Mr. Seery.

#### Q. Mediation

On August 3, 2020, the Bankruptcy Court entered the *Order Directing Mediation* [D.I. 912] pursuant to which the Bankruptcy Court ordered the Debtor, the Committee, UBS, Acis, the Redeemer Committee, and Mr. Dondero into mediation and appointed Sylvia Mayer and Allan Gropper as the mediators (the "Mediators"). The mediation began on August 27, 2020, and is still open as of the date of this Disclosure Statement

#### **R.** Postpetition Settlements

#### 1. <u>Settlement with Acis and the Terry Parties</u>

With the assistance of the Mediators, on September 9, 2020, (i) the Debtor, (ii) Acis LP, (iii) Acis GP, and (iv) Joshua N. Terry, individually and for the benefit of his individual retirement accounts, and Jennifer G. Terry, individually and for the benefit of her individual retirement accounts and as trustee of the Terry Family 401-K Plan (together, the "Terry Parties") executed that certain Settlement Agreement and General Release. On September 23, 2020, the Debtor filed the Debtor's Motion for Entry of an Order Approving Settlement with (a) Acis Capital Management, L.P. and Acis Capital Management GP LLC (Claim No. 23), (b) Joshua N. Terry and Jennifer G. Terry (Claim No. 156), and (c) Acis Capital Management, L.P. (Claim No. 159) and Authorizing Actions Consistent Therewith [D.I. 1087] (the "Acis Settlement Motion").

The Settlement Agreement and General Release contain the following material terms, among others:

- The proof of claim filed by Acis [Claim No. 23] will be Allowed in the amount of \$23,000,000 as a General Unsecured Claim.
- On the Effective Date of the Plan (or any other plan of reorganization confirmed by the Bankruptcy Court), the Debtor will pay in cash to:
  - O Mr. and Mrs. Terry in the amount of \$425,000 plus 10% simple interest (calculated on the basis of a 360-day year from and including June 30, 2016), in full and complete satisfaction of the proof of claim filed by the Terry Parties [Claim No. 156];
  - Acis LP in the amount of \$97,000, which amount represents the legal fees incurred by Acis LP with respect to the NWCC, LLC v. Highland CLO Management, LLC, et al., Index No. 654195/2018 (N.Y. Sup. Ct. 2018), in full and complete satisfaction of the proof of claim filed by Acis LP [Claim No. 159]; and
  - O Mr. Terry in the amount of \$355,000 in full and complete satisfaction of the legal fees assessed against Highland CLO Funding, Ltd., in *Highland CLO Funding v. Joshua Terry*, [No Case Number], pending in the Royal Court of the Island of Guernsey;

The Settlement Agreement also provides that within five days of the Bankruptcy Court's approval of the Settlement Agreement and the General Release, the Debtor will move to withdraw, with prejudice, the proofs of claim that the Debtor filed in the Acis bankruptcy cases and the motion filed by the Debtor in the Acis bankruptcy cases seeking an administrative claim for postpetition services provided to Acis.

On October 5, 2020, James Dondero filed an objection to the Acis Settlement Motion [D.I. 1121] (the "<u>Dondero Objection</u>"). On October 28, 2020, the Bankruptcy Court entered an order approving the Acis Settlement Motion and overruling the Dondero Objection in its entirety [DI.I. 1347]. On November 9, 2020, Mr. Dondero filed a notice of his intent to appeal the order approving the Acis Settlement Motion.

The foregoing is a summary only, and all parties are encouraged to review the Acis Settlement Motion and related documents for additional information on the Settlement Agreement and General Release.

#### 2. Settlement with the Redeemer Committee

The Debtor, Eames, Ltd., the Redeemer Committee, and the Crusader Funds (collectively, the "Settling Parties") executed a settlement (the "Redeemer Stipulation"). The Redeemer Stipulation was also executed, solely with respect to paragraphs 10 through 15 thereof, by Hockney, Ltd., Strand, Highland CDO Opportunity Master Fund, L.P., Highland Credit Strategies Master Fund, L.P., Highland Credit Opportunities CDO, L.P., House Hanover, LLC, and Alvarez & Marsal CRF Management, LLC (collectively, the "Additional Release Parties"). On September 23, 2020, the Debtor filed Debtor's Motion for Entry of an Order Approving Settlements with (A) the Redeemer Committee of the Highland Crusader Funds (Claim No. 72), and (B) the Highland Crusader Funds (Claim No. 81), and Authorizing Actions Consistent Therewith [D.I. 1089] seeking approval of the Redeemer Stipulation (the "Redeemer Settlement Motion").

The Redeemer Stipulation contains the following material terms, among others:

- The proof of claim filed by the Redeemer Committee [Claim No. 72] will be Allowed in the amount of \$137,696,610 as a General Unsecured Claim;
- The proof of claim filed by the Crusader Funds [Claim No. 81] will be Allowed in the amount of \$50,000 as a General Unsecured Claim;
- The Debtor and Eames, Ltd., each (a) consented to the cancellation of certain interests in the Crusader Funds held by them, and (b) agreed that they will not object to the cancellation of certain interests in the Crusader Funds held by the Charitable Donor Advised Fund;4
- The Debtor and Eames each acknowledged that they will not receive any portion of certain reserved distributions, and the Debtor further acknowledged that it will not receive any payments from the Crusader Funds in respect of any deferred fees, distribution fees, or management fees;

- The Debtor and the Redeemer Committee agreed to a form of amendment to the shareholders' agreement for Cornerstone Healthcare Group and to a process to monetize Cornerstone Healthcare Group;
- Upon the effective date of the Redeemer Stipulation, the Settling Parties and the Additional Release Parties shall exchange releases as set forth in the Redeemer Stipulation; and
- All litigation between the Debtor, Eames, Ltd., and the Additional Highland Release Parties (as defined in the Redeemer Stipulation) on the one hand, and the Redeemer Committee and the Crusader Funds, on the other hand, will cease.

On October 16, 2020, UBS filed an objection to the Redeemer Settlement Motion [D.I. 1190] (the "<u>UBS Objection</u>"). On October 22, 2020, the Bankruptcy Court entered an order approving the Redeemer Settlement Motion and overruling the UBS Objection in its entirety [DI.I. 1273]. On November 6, 2020, UBS filed a notice of its intent to appeal the order approving the Redeemer Settlement Motion.

The foregoing is a summary only, and all parties are encouraged to review the Redeemer Settlement Motion and related documents for additional information on the Redeemer Stipulation.

#### S. Certain Outstanding Material Claims

As discussed above, April 8, 2020, was the general bar date for filing proofs of claim. The Debtor has begun the process of resolving those Claims. Although each Claim represents a potential liability of the Estate, the Debtor believes that, in addition to UBS's Claim, the Claims filed by Integrated Financial Associates, Inc. ("<u>IFA</u>"), the HarbourVest Entities, and Hunter Mountain represent the largest unresolved Claims against the Estate.

- IFA Proof of Claim. IFA filed a proof of claim [Claim No. 93] (the "IFA Claim") seeking damages in the amount of \$241,002,696.73 arising from the purported joint control of the Debtor and NexBank, SSB, and the Debtor's management of various lenders to IFA. The Debtor believes that IFA's claim should be disallowed in its entirety. IFA's claim and the Debtor's defenses thereto are described in greater detail in the *Objection to Proof of Claim No. 93 of Integrated Financial Associates, Inc.* [D.I. 868]. On October 4, 2020, the Bankruptcy Court entered the *Order Approving Stipulation Regarding Proof of Claim No. 93 of Integrated Financial Associates, Inc.* [D.I. 1126], which capped the IFA Claim, for all purposes, at \$8,000,000.
- <u>HarbourVest Entities Proofs of Claim</u>. The HarbourVest Entities are investors in Highland CLO Funding, Ltd. ("<u>HCLOF</u>") and filed proofs of claim against the

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>9</sup> "<u>HarbourVest Entities</u>" means HarbourVest 2017 Global Fund, L.P., HarbourVest 2017 Global AIF L.P., HarbourVest Dover Street IX Investment, L.P., HV International VIII Secondary L.P., HarbourVest Skew Base AIF L.P., and HarbourVest Partners, L.P.

Debtor's Estate [Claim No. 143, 147, 149, 150, 153, 154] (the "HarbourVest Claims"). The Debtor included an assertion of "no liability" in respect of the HarbourVest Claims in its Debtor's First Omnibus Objection to Certain (a) Duplicate Claims; (b) Overstated Claims; (c) Late-Filed Claims; (d) Satisfied Claims; (e) No-Liability Claims; and (f) Insufficient Documentation Claims [D.I. 906]. HarbourVest provided a response in its HarbourVest Response to Debtor's First Omnibus Objection to Certain (A) Duplicate Claims; (B) Overstated Claims; (C) Late-Filed Claims; (D) Satisfied Claims; (E) No-Liability Claims; and (F) Insufficient-Documentation Claims [D.I. 1057]. The HarbourVest Entities' response argued that the Debtor's objection should be overruled, and set forth allegations in support of claims under federal and state law and Guernsey law, including claims for fraud, violations of securities laws, breaches of fiduciary duties, and RICO violations. The Debtor intends to vigorously defend the HarbourVest Claims on various grounds, including, among others, the failure to state a claim upon which relief can be granted, the lack of reasonable reliance, the lack of misrepresentations, the lack of reasonable reliance, the failure to mitigate damages, the parties' agreements bar or otherwise limit the Debtor's liability, and waiver and estoppel. The HarbourVest Entities invested approximately \$80 million in HCLOF but seek an allowed claim in excess of \$300 million dollars (after giving effect to treble damages for the alleged RICO violations).

• Hunter Mountain Proof of Claim. Hunter Mountain is one of the Debtor's limited partners. Hunter Mountain filed a proof of claim [Claim No. 152] seeking a \$60,298,739 indemnification claim against the Debtor because of the Debtor's alleged failures to make priority distributions to Hunter Mountain under the Debtor's Partnership Agreement. The Debtor believes that it has meritorious defenses to Hunter Mountain's claim. Hunter Mountain's claim and the Debtor's defenses to such claim are described in greater detail in the Debtor's (i) Objection to Claim No. 152 of Hunter Mountain Investment Trust and (ii) Complaint to Subordinate Claim of Hunter Mountain Investment Trust and for Declaratory Relief [D.I. 995]. The Debtor believes that Hunter Mountain's proof of claim should either be disallowed in its entirety or subordinated in its entirety.

In addition to the foregoing, the UBS Claim (in the amount of \$1,039,957,799.40) and the Daugherty Claim (in the amount of \$40,710,819.42) remain outstanding. As set forth above, partial summary judgment on the UBS Claim was granted in favor of the Debtor and the Redeemer Committee on November 20, 2020, and a formal order is expected to be entered within the next couple of weeks.

The Daugherty Claim has been allowed for voting purposes only in the amount of \$9,134,019 [D.I. 1422]. In a bench ruling on November 20, 2020, the Bankruptcy Court allowed UBS Claims for voting purposes only in the amount of \$94,761,076 [D.I. 1646].

#### T. Treatment of Shared Service and Sub-Advisory Agreements

As discussed in the Plan, the Reorganized Debtor will manage the wind down of the Managed Funds. However, it is not anticipated that either the Reorganized Debtor or the

Claimant Trust will assume or assume and assign the contracts between the Debtor and certain Related Entities<sup>10</sup> pursuant to which the Debtor provides shared services and sub-advisory services to those Related Entities.

Currently, the Debtor receives approximately \$2.2 million per month in revenue from such contracts. However, in order to service those contracts, the Debtor must maintain a full staff and the cost of providing services under such contracts, among other factors, has historically resulted in a net loss to the Debtor. As such, the Debtor does not believe that assuming these contracts would benefit the Estate.

Further, the contracts generally contain anti-assignment provisions which the Debtor believes may be enforceable under 11 U.S.C. § 365(c). These provisions, therefore, would arguably prevent the assignment of such contracts without the consent of the Debtor's contract counterparty. However, even if 11 U.S.C. § 365(c) would not prevent assignment, the contracts are generally terminable at will by either party. As such, assuming and assigning such contracts without the consent of the contract counterparty would be of nominal or no benefit to the Estate. It is doubtful that any assignee would provide consideration to the Debtor for the assignment of such contract as the contract counterparty could simply terminate the contract immediately following assignment. As such, the Debtor does not believe that there is any benefit to the Estate in attempting to assign these contracts.

Notwithstanding the foregoing disclosure, the Debtor is currently assessing whether it is both possible and in the best interests of the Estate to assume and assign such shared services and sub-advisory agreements to a Related Entity.

During the course of this Chapter 11 Case, Mr. Daugherty stated that he would be willing to assume the Debtor's obligations under the shared service and sub-advisory contracts. The Independent Directors reviewed Mr. Daugherty's proposal and for the foregoing reasons, among others, determined that it was not workable and would provide no benefit to the Estate.

#### **U.** Portfolio Managements with Issuer Entities

The Debtor is party to certain portfolio management agreements (including any ancillary agreements relating thereto collectively being the "Portfolio Management Agreements" and each a "Portfolio Management Agreement") with ACIS CLO 2017-7 Ltd., Brentwood CLO, Ltd., Gleneagles CLO, Ltd., Greenbriar CLO, Ltd., Highland CLO 2018-1, Ltd., Highland Legacy Limited, Highland Loan Funding V Ltd., Highland Park CDO I, Ltd., Pam Capital Funding LP, PamCo Cayman Ltd., Rockwall CDO II Ltd., Rockwall CDO Ltd., Southfork CLO Ltd., Stratford CLO Ltd., Westchester CLO, Ltd., Aberdeen Loan Funding, Ltd., Bristol Bay Funding Ltd. Eastland CLO, Ltd., Grayson CLO, Ltd., Highland Credit Opportunities CDO Ltd., Jasper CLO, Ltd., Liberty Cayman Holdings, Ltd., Liberty CLO, Ltd., Red River CLO, Ltd., Valhalla CLO, Ltd. (each an "Issuer" and collectively the "Issuers") wherein the Debtor agreed to generally provide certain services to each Issuer in the Debtor's capacity as a portfolio manager in exchange for certain fees as described in the applicable Portfolio Management Agreement.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>10</sup> For the avoidance of doubt, the Debtor does not consider any of the Issuers (as defined herein) to be a Related Entity.

The Issuers filed proofs of claim [Claim No. 165, 168, and 169] asserting claims against the Debtor for damages arising from, relating to or otherwise concerning (i) such Issuer's Portfolio Management Agreement(s) with the Debtor, including, without limitation, failure to perform or other breach of the Portfolio Management Agreement(s), rejection of the Portfolio Management Agreement(s), any cure amount as a result of assumption of the Portfolio Management Agreement(s), and adequate assurance of future performance as a result of assumption of the Portfolio Management Agreement(s), and any failure to provide and pay for indemnification or other obligations under the Portfolio Management Agreement(s); and (ii) the action or inaction of the Debtor to the detriment of such Issuer (collectively, the "Issuer Claims"). The Debtor believes that it has satisfied its obligations to the Issuers; that the Issuer Claims lack merit; and that the Debtor will have no liability with respect to the Issuer Claims. However, such proofs of claim remain outstanding.

The Issuers have taken the position that the rejection of the Portfolio Management Agreements (including any ancillary documents) would result in material rejection damages and have encouraged the Debtor to assume such agreements. Nonetheless, the Issuers and the Debtor are working in good faith to address any outstanding issues regarding such assumption. The Portfolio Management Agreements may be assumed either pursuant to the Plan or by separate motion filed with the Bankruptcy Court.

The Debtor is still assessing its options with respect to the Portfolio Management Agreements, including whether to assume the Portfolio Management Agreements.

#### V. Resignation of James Dondero

On October 9, 2020, Mr. Dondero resigned as an employee and portfolio manager of the Debtor.

#### W. Exclusive Periods for Filing a Plan and Soliciting Votes

Under the Bankruptcy Code, a debtor has the exclusive right to file and solicit acceptance of a plan or plans of reorganization for an initial period of 120 days from the date on which the debtor filed for voluntary relief. If a debtor files a plan within this exclusive period, then the debtor has the exclusive right for 180 days from the petition date to solicit acceptances to the plan. During these exclusive periods, no other party in interest may file a competing plan of reorganization; however, a court may extend these periods upon request of a party in interest and "for cause."

The Debtor filed motions to extend the exclusive period, and the Bankruptcy Court entered the following orders granting such applications:

- Order Granting Debtor's Motion for Entry of an Order Pursuant to 11 U.S.C. § 1121(d) and Local Rule 3016-1 Extending the Exclusivity Periods for the Filing and Solicitation of Acceptances of a Chapter 11 Plan [D.I. 460];
- Agreed Order Extending Exclusive Periods by Thirty Days [D.I. 668];

- Order Granting Debtor's Third Motion for Entry of an Order Pursuant to 11 U.S.C. § 1121(d) and Local Rule 3016-1 Further Extending the Exclusivity Periods for the Filing and Solicitation of Acceptances of a Chapter 11 Plan [D.I. 820]; and
- Order Further Extending the Debtor's Exclusive Period for Solicitation of Acceptance of a Chapter 11 Plan [D.I. 1092].

Pursuant to the foregoing orders, the Bankruptcy Court extended the exclusivity period through June 12, 2020, for the filing of a plan, which was subsequently extended through July 13, 2020, and again through August 12, 2020. The Bankruptcy Court also extended the exclusivity period for the solicitation of votes to accept such plan through August 11, 2020, which was subsequently extended through September 10, 2020, and again through October 13, 2020, and December 4, 2020.

# X. Negotiations with Constituents

The Debtor, Mr. Dondero, and certain of the creditors have been negotiating a consensual reorganization plan for the Debtor that contemplates the Debtor continuing its business largely in its current form. Those negotiations have yet to reach conclusion but are continuing, and the negotiations were part of the previously discussed mediation. There is no certainty that those negotiations will reach a consensual resolution of the Debtor's bankruptcy case.

# Y. Highland Capital Management, L.P. Retirement Plan and Trust

The Highland Capital Management, L.P. Retirement Plan And Trust ("<u>Pension Plan</u>") is a single-employer defined benefit pension plan covered by Title IV of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974, as amended ("ERISA"). 29 U.S.C. §§ 1301-1461.

The Debtor is the contributing sponsor of the Pension Plan. As such, the PBGC asserts that Debtor is liable to contribute to the Pension Plan the amounts necessary to satisfy the minimum funding standards in ERISA and the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended ("IRC"). See 29 U.S.C. §§ 1082, 1083; 26 U.S.C. §§ 412, 430. As the sponsor of the Pension Plan, the PBGC asserts Debtor is also liable for insurance premiums owed to PBGC. See 29 U.S.C. §§ 1306, 1307. The PBGC asserts that any members of the contributing sponsor's controlled-group within the meaning of 29 U.S.C. §§ 1301(a)(13), (14) are also jointly and severally liable with the Debtor for such obligations relating to the Pension Plan.

The Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation ("<u>PBGC</u>"), the federal agency that administers the pension insurance program under Title IV of ERISA, filed contingent proofs of claims against the Debtors for (1) the Pension Plan's potential underfunded benefit liabilities; (2) the potential unliquidated unpaid minimum funding contributions owed to the Pension Plan; and (3) the potential unliquidated insurance premiums owed to PBGC. The PBGC acknowledges that, as of the date of this Disclosure Statement, there is nothing currently owed by the Debtor to the PBGC.

The Debtor reserves the right to contest any claims filed by the PBGC for any reason.

Upon the Effective Date, the Reorganized Debtor shall be deemed to have assumed the Pension Plan and shall comply with all applicable statutory provisions of ERISA and the Internal Revenue Code (the "IRC"), including, but not limited to, satisfying the minimum funding standards pursuant to 26 U.S.C. §§ 412, 430, and 29 U.S.C. §§ 1082, 1083; paying the PBGC premiums in accordance with 29 U.S.C. §§ 1306 and 1307; and administering the Pension Plan in accordance with its terms and the provisions of ERISA and the IRC. In the event that the Pension Plan terminates after the Plan of Reorganization Effective Date, the PBGC asserts that the Reorganized Debtor and each of its controlled group members will be responsible for the liabilities imposed by Title IV of ERISA.

No provision contained in the Disclosure Statement, the Plan, the Confirmation Order, or the Bankruptcy Code (including section 1141 thereof), shall be construed as discharging, releasing, exculpating, or relieving any person or entity, including the Debtor, the Reorganized Debtor, or any person or entity in any capacity, from any liability or responsibility, if any, with respect to the Pension Plan under any law, government policy, or regulatory provision. PBGC and the Pension Plan shall not be enjoined or precluded from enforcing such liability or responsibility against any person or entity as a result of any of the provisions for satisfaction, release, injunction, exculpation, and discharge of claims in the Plan, Confirmation Order, or the Bankruptcy Code.

# ARTICLE III. SUMMARY OF THE PLAN

THIS ARTICLE III IS INTENDED ONLY TO PROVIDE A SUMMARY OF THE MATERIAL TERMS OF THE PLAN AND IS QUALIFIED BY REFERENCE TO THE ENTIRE DISCLOSURE STATEMENT AND THE PLAN AND SHOULD NOT BE RELIED ON FOR A COMPREHENSIVE DISCUSSION OF THE PLAN. TO THE EXTENT THERE ARE ANY INCONSISTENCIES OR CONFLICTS BETWEEN THIS ARTICLE III AND THE PLAN, THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS SET FORTH IN THE PLAN SHALL CONTROL AND GOVERN.

## A. Administrative and Priority Tax Claims

#### 1. Administrative Expense Claims

On the later of the Effective Date or the date on which an Administrative Expense Claim becomes an Allowed Administrative Expense Claim, or, in each such case, as soon as practicable thereafter, each Holder of an Allowed Administrative Expense Claim (other than Professional Fee Claims) will receive, in full satisfaction, settlement, discharge and release of, and in exchange for, such Allowed Administrative Expense Claim either (i) payment in full in Available Cash for the unpaid portion of such Allowed Administrative Expense Claim; or (ii) such other less favorable treatment as agreed to in writing by the Debtor or the Reorganized Debtor, as applicable, and such Holder; *provided, however*, that Administrative Expense Claims incurred by the Debtor in the ordinary course of business may be paid in the ordinary course of business in the discretion of the Debtor in accordance with such applicable terms and conditions

relating thereto without further notice to or order of the Bankruptcy Court. All statutory fees payable under 28 U.S.C. § 1930(a) shall be paid as such fees become due.

If an Administrative Expense Claim (other than a Professional Fee Claim) is not paid by the Debtor in the ordinary course, the Holder of such Administrative Expense Claim must File, on or before the applicable Administrative Expense Claims Bar Date, and serve on the Debtor or Reorganized Debtor, as applicable, and such other Entities who are designated by the Bankruptcy Rules, the Confirmation Order or other order of the Bankruptcy Court, an application for allowance and payment of such Administrative Expense Claim.

Objections to any Administrative Expense Claim (other than a Professional Fee Claim) must be Filed and served on the Debtor or the Reorganized Debtor, as applicable, and the party asserting such Administrative Expense Claim by the Administrative Expense Claims Objection Deadline.

#### 2. Professional Fee Claims

Professionals or other Entities asserting a Professional Fee Claim for services rendered through the Effective Date must submit fee applications under sections 327, 328, 329,330, 331, 503(b) or 1103 of the Bankruptcy Code and, upon entry of an order of the Bankruptcy Court granting such fee applications, such Professional Fee Claim shall promptly be paid in Cash in full to the extent provided in such order.

Professionals or other Entities asserting a Professional Fee Claim for services rendered on or prior to the Effective Date must File, on or before the Professional Fee Claims Bar Date, and serve on the Debtor or Reorganized Debtor, as applicable, and such other Entities who are designated as requiring such notice by the Bankruptcy Rules, the Confirmation Order or other order of the Bankruptcy Court, an application for final allowance of such Professional Fee Claim.

Objections to any Professional Fee Claim must be Filed and served on the Debtor or Reorganized Debtor, as applicable, and the party asserting the Professional Fee Claim by the Professional Fee Claim Objection Deadline. Each Holder of an Allowed Professional Fee Claim will be paid by the Debtor or the Claimant Trust, as applicable, in Cash within ten (10) Business Days of entry of the order approving such Allowed Professional Fee Claim.

On the Effective Date, the Claimant Trustee shall establish the Professional Fee Reserve. The Professional Fee Reserve shall vest in the Claimant Trust and shall be maintained by the Claimant Trustee in accordance with the Plan and Claimant Trust Agreement. The Claimant Trust shall fund the Professional Fee Reserve on the Effective Date in an estimated amount determined by the Debtor in good faith prior to the Confirmation Date and that approximates the total projected amount of unpaid Professional Fee Claims on the Effective Date. Following the payment of all Allowed Professional Fee Claims, any excess funds in the Professional Fee Reserve shall be released to the Claimant Trust to be used for other purposes consistent with the Plan and the Claimant Trust Agreement.

# 3. Priority Tax Claims

On or as soon as reasonably practicable after the later of (i) the Initial Distribution Date if such Priority Tax Claim is an Allowed Priority Tax Claim as of the Effective Date or (ii) the date on which such Priority Tax Claim becomes an Allowed Priority Tax Claim, each Holder of an Allowed Priority Tax Claim will receive in full satisfaction, settlement, discharge and release of, and in exchange for, such Allowed Priority Tax Claim, at the election of the Debtor: (a) Cash in an amount equal to the amount of such Allowed Priority Tax Claim, or (b) such other less favorable treatment as agreed to in writing by the Debtor and such Holder. Payment of statutory fees due pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1930(a)(6) will be made at all appropriate times until the entry of a final decree; provided, however, that the Debtor may prepay any or all such Claims at any time, without premium or penalty.

# B. Classification and Treatment of Classified Claims and Equity Interests

#### 1. Summary

All Claims and Equity Interests, except Administrative Expense Claims and Priority Tax Claims, are classified in the Classes set forth below. In accordance with section 1123(a)(1) of the Bankruptcy Code, Administrative Expense Claims, and Priority Tax Claims have not been classified.

The categories of Claims and Equity Interests listed below classify Claims and Equity Interests for all purposes including, without limitation, confirmation and distribution pursuant to the Plan and pursuant to sections 1122 and 1123(a)(1) of the Bankruptcy Code. The Plan deems a Claim or Equity Interest to be classified in a particular Class only to the extent that the Claim or Equity Interest qualifies within the description of that Class and will be deemed classified in a different Class to the extent that any remainder of such Claim or Equity Interest qualifies within the description of such different Class. A Claim or Equity Interest is in a particular Class only to the extent that any such Claim or Equity Interest is Allowed in that Class and has not been paid, released or otherwise settled (in each case, by the Debtor or any other Entity) prior to the Effective Date.

### Summary of Classification and Treatment of Classified Claims and Equity Interests

Class	Claim	Status	<b>Voting Rights</b>
1	Jefferies Secured Claim	Unimpaired	Deemed to Accept
2	Frontier Secured Claim	Impaired	Entitled to Vote
3	Other Secured Claims	Unimpaired	Deemed to Accept
4	Priority Non-Tax Claim	Unimpaired	Deemed to Accept
5	Retained Employee Claim	Unimpaired	Deemed to Accept
6	PTO Claims	Unimpaired	Deemed to Accept
7	Convenience Claims	Impaired	Entitled to Vote
8	General Unsecured Claims	Impaired	Entitled to Vote
9	Subordinated Claims	Impaired	Entitled to Vote
10	Class B/C Limited Partnership Interests	Impaired	Entitled to Vote
11	Class A Limited Partnership Interests	Impaired	Entitled to Vote

#### 2. Elimination of Vacant Classes

Any Class that, as of the commencement of the Confirmation Hearing, does not have at least one Holder of a Claim or Equity Interest that is Allowed in an amount greater than zero for voting purposes shall be considered vacant, deemed eliminated from the Plan for purposes of voting to accept or reject the Plan, and disregarded for purposes of determining whether the Plan satisfies section 1129(a)(8) of the Bankruptcy Code with respect to such Class.

#### 3. Impaired/Voting Classes

Claims and Equity Interests in Class 2 and Class 7 through Class 11 are Impaired by the Plan, and only the Holders of Claims or Equity Interests in those Classes are entitled to vote to accept or reject the Plan.

Please refer to "Distribution of Confirmation Hearing Notice and Solicitation Package to Holders of Claims and Equity Interests" and "Instructions and Procedures for Voting" in ARTICLE I.C.7 and ARTICLE I.C.8 for a discussion of how the how votes on the Plan will be solicited and tabulated.

#### 4. Unimpaired/Non-Voting Classes

Claims in Class 1 and Class 3 through Class 6 are Unimpaired by the Plan, and such Holders are deemed to have accepted the Plan and are therefore not entitled to vote on the Plan.

# 5. Impaired/Non-Voting Classes

There are no Classes under the Plan that will not receive or retain any property and no Classes are deemed to reject the Plan.

#### 6. Cramdown

If any Class of Claims or Equity Interests is deemed to reject the Plan or does not vote to accept the Plan, the Debtor may (i) seek confirmation of the Plan under section 1129(b) of the Bankruptcy Code or (ii) amend or modify the Plan in accordance with the terms of the Plan and the Bankruptcy Code. If a controversy arises as to whether any Claims or Equity Interests, or any class of Claims or Equity Interests, are Impaired, the Bankruptcy Court shall, after notice and a hearing, determine such controversy on or before the Confirmation Date.

#### C. Classification and Treatment of Claims and Equity Interests

- 1. Class 1 Jefferies Secured Claim
  - Classification: Class 1 consists of the Jefferies Secured Claim.
  - Treatment: On or as soon as reasonably practicable after the Effective Date, each Holder of an Allowed Class 1 Claim will receive in full satisfaction, settlement, discharge and release of, and in exchange for, such Allowed Class 1 Claim, at the election of the Debtor: (A) Cash equal to the amount of such Allowed Class 1 Claim; (B) such other less favorable treatment as to which the Debtor and the Holder of such Allowed Class 1 Claim will have agreed upon in writing; or (C) such other treatment rendering such Claim Unimpaired. Each Holder of an Allowed Class 1 Claim will retain the Liens securing its Allowed Class 1 Claim as of the Effective Date until full and final payment of such Allowed Class 1 Claim is made as provided herein.
  - Impairment and Voting: Class 1 is Unimpaired, and the Holders of Class 1 Claims are conclusively deemed to have accepted the Plan pursuant to section 1126(f) of the Bankruptcy Code. Therefore, the Holders of Class 1 Claims are not entitled to vote to accept or reject the Plan and will not be solicited.

## 2. <u>Class 2 – Frontier Secured Claim</u>

- *Classification*: Class 2 consists of the Frontier Secured Claim.
- Treatment: On or as soon as reasonably practicable after the Effective Date, each Holder of an Allowed Class 2 Claim will receive in full satisfaction, settlement, discharge and release of, and in exchange for, such Allowed Class 2 Claim: (A) Cash in an amount equal to all accrued but unpaid interest on the Frontier Claim through and including the Effective Date and (B) the New Frontier Note. The Holder of an Allowed Class 2 Claim will retain the Liens securing its Allowed Class 2 Claim as of the Effective Date until full and final payment of such Allowed Class 2 Claim is made as provided herein.

• *Impairment and Voting*: Class 2 is Impaired, and the Holders of Class 2 Claims are entitled to vote to accept or reject the Plan.

The New Frontier Note will include the following terms: (i) an extension of the maturity date to December 31, 2022; (ii) quarterly interest only payments; (iii) a payment on the New Frontier Note equal to fifty percent of the outstanding principal on December 31, 2021, if the New Frontier Note is not paid in full on or prior to such date; (iv) mandatory prepayments from the proceeds of the sale of any collateral securing the New Frontier Note; and (v) the payment of fees and expenses incurred in negotiating the terms of the New Frontier Note.

#### 3. *Class 3 – Other Secured Claims*

- *Classification*: Class 3 consists of the Other Secured Claims.
- Allowance and Treatment: On or as soon as reasonably practicable after the later of (i) the Initial Distribution Date if such Class 3 Claim is Allowed on the Effective Date or (ii) the date on which such Class 3 Claim becomes an Allowed Class 3 Claim, each Holder of an Allowed Class 3 Claim will receive in full satisfaction, settlement, discharge and release of, and in exchange for, its Allowed Claim 3 Claim, at the option of the Debtor, or following the Effective Date, the Reorganized Debtor or Claimant Trustee, as applicable, (i) Cash equal to such Allowed Other Secured Claim, (ii) the collateral securing its Allowed Other Secured Claim, plus postpetition interest to the extent required under Bankruptcy Code Section 506(b), or (iii) such other treatment rendering such Claim Unimpaired.
- Impairment and Voting: Class 3 is Unimpaired, and the Holders of Class 3 Claims are conclusively deemed to have accepted the Plan pursuant to section 1126(f) of the Bankruptcy Code. Therefore, the Holders of Class 3 Claims are not entitled to vote to accept or reject the Plan and will not be solicited.

#### 4. Class 4 – Priority Non-Tax Claims

- *Classification*: Class 4 consists of the Priority Non-Tax Claims.
- Allowance and Treatment: On or as soon as reasonably practicable after the later of (i) the Initial Distribution Date if such Class 4 Claim is Allowed on the Effective Date or (ii) the date on which such Class 4 Claim becomes an Allowed Class 4 Claim, each Holder of an Allowed Class 4 Claim will receive in full satisfaction, settlement, discharge and release of, and in exchange for, its Allowed Claim 4 Claim Cash equal to the amount of such Allowed Class 4 Claim.

• Impairment and Voting: Class 4 is Unimpaired, and the Holders of Class 4 Claims are conclusively deemed to have accepted the Plan pursuant to section 1126(f) of the Bankruptcy Code. Therefore, the Holders of Class 4 Claims are not entitled to vote to accept or reject the Plan and will not be solicited.

# 5. <u>Class 5 – Retained Employee Claims</u>

- *Classification*: Class 5 consists of the Retained Employee Claims.
- *Allowance and Treatment*: On or as soon as reasonably practicable after the Effective Date, each Allowed Class 5 Claim will be Reinstated.
- Impairment and Voting: Class 5 is Unimpaired, and the Holders of Class 5 Claims are conclusively deemed to have accepted the Plan pursuant to section 1126(f) of the Bankruptcy Code. Therefore, the Holders of Class 5 Claims are not entitled to vote to accept or reject the Plan and will not be solicited.

#### 6. Class 6 – PTO Claims

- Classification: Class 6 consists of the PTO Claims.
- Allowance and Treatment: On or as soon as reasonably practicable after the later of (i) the Initial Distribution Date if such Class 6 Claim is Allowed on the Effective Date or (ii) the date on which such Class 6 Claim becomes an Allowed Class 6 Claim, each Holder of an Allowed Class 6 Claim will receive in full satisfaction, settlement, discharge and release of, and in exchange for, its Allowed Claim 6 Claim Cash equal to the amount of such Allowed Class 6 Claim.
- Impairment and Voting: Class 6 is Unimpaired, and the Holders of Class 6 Claims are conclusively deemed to have accepted the Plan pursuant to section 1126(f) of the Bankruptcy Code. Therefore, the Holders of Class 6 Claims are not entitled to vote to accept or reject the Plan and will not be solicited.
  - "PTO Claims" means any Claim for paid time off in favor of any Debtor employee in excess of the amount that would qualify as a Priority Non-Tax Claim under section 507(a)(4) of the Bankruptcy Code.

# 7. <u>Class 7 – Convenience Claims</u>

- *Classification*: Class 7 consists of the Convenience Claims.
- Allowance and Treatment: On or as soon as reasonably practicable after the later of (i) the Initial Distribution Date if such Class 7 Claim is

Allowed on the Effective Date or (ii) the date on which such Class 7 Claim becomes an Allowed Class 7 Claim, each Holder of an Allowed Class 7 Claim will receive in full satisfaction, settlement, discharge and release of, and in exchange for, its Allowed Class 7 Claim (1) the treatment provided to Allowed Holders of Class 8 General Unsecured Claims if the Holder of such Class 7 Claim makes the GUC Election or (2) an amount in Cash equal to the lesser of (a) 85% of the Allowed amount of such Holder's Class 7 Claim or (b) such Holder's Pro Rata share of the Convenience Claims Cash Pool.

• *Impairment and Voting*: Class 7 is Impaired, and the Holders of Class 7 Claims are entitled to vote to accept or reject the Plan.

"Convenience Claim" means any prepetition, liquidated, and unsecured Claim against the Debtor that as of the Confirmation Date is less than or equal to \$1,000,000 or any General Unsecured Claim that makes the Convenience Class Election. For the avoidance of doubt, the Reduced Employee Claims will be Convenience Claims.

"Convenience Claim Pool" means the \$13,150,000 in Cash that shall be available upon the Effective Date for distribution to Holders of Convenience Claims under the Plan as set forth herein. Any Cash remaining in the Convenience Claim Pool after all distributions on account of Convenience Claims have been made will be transferred to the Claimant Trust and administered as a Claimant Trust Asset.

By making the GUC Election on their Ballots, each Holder of a Convenience Claim can elect the treatment provided to General Unsecured Claims.

#### 8. Class 8 – General Unsecured Claims

- Classification: Class 8 consists of the General Unsecured Claims.
- Treatment: On or as soon as reasonably practicable after the Effective Date, each Holder of an Allowed Class 8 Claim, in full satisfaction, settlement, discharge and release of, and in exchange for, such Claim shall receive (i) its Pro Rata share of the Claimant Trust Interests, (ii) such other less favorable treatment as to which such Holder and the Claimant Trustee shall have agreed upon in writing, or (iii) the treatment provided to Allowed Holders of Class 7 Convenience Claims if the Holder of such Class 8 General Unsecured Claim is eligible and makes the Convenience Class Election.

Notwithstanding anything to the contrary herein, after the Effective Date and subject to the other provisions of the Plan, the Debtor, the Reorganized Debtor, and the Claimant Trust, as applicable, will have and

will retain any and all rights and defenses under bankruptcy or nonbankruptcy law that the Debtor had with respect to any General Unsecured Claim, except with respect to any General Unsecured Claim Allowed by Final Order of the Bankruptcy Court.

• *Impairment and Voting*: Class 8 is Impaired, and the Holders of Class 8 Claims are entitled to vote to accept or reject the Plan.

"General Unsecured Claim" means any prepetition Claim against the Debtor that is not Secured and is not a/an: (a) Administrative Expense Claim; (b) Professional Fee Claim; (c) Priority Tax Claim; (d) Priority Non-Tax Claim; or (e) Convenience Claim.

"Convenience Class Election" means the option provided to each Holder of a General Unsecured Claim that is a liquidated Claim as of the Confirmation Date on their Ballot to elect to reduce their claim to \$1,000,000 and receive the treatment provided to Convenience Claims.

#### 9. *Class 9 – Subordinated Claims*

- *Classification*: Class 9 consists of the Subordinated Claims.
- Treatment: On or as soon as reasonably practicable after the Effective Date, each Holder of an Allowed Class 9 Claim, in full satisfaction, settlement, discharge and release of, and in exchange for, such Claim shall receive either (i) the treatment provided to Allowed Class 8 Claims or (ii) if such Allowed Class 9 Claim is subordinated to the Convenience Claims and General Unsecured Claims pursuant to 11 U.S.C. § 510 or Final Order of the Bankruptcy Court, its Pro Rata share of the Subordinated Claimant Trust Interests or (ii) such other less favorable treatment as to which such Holder and the Claimant Trustee shall have agreed upon in writing.

Notwithstanding anything to the contrary herein, after the Effective Date and subject to the other provisions of the Plan, the Debtor, the Reorganized Debtor, and the Claimant Trust, as applicable, will have and will retain any and all rights and defenses under bankruptcy or nonbankruptcy law that the Debtor had with respect to any Subordinated Claim, except with respect to any Subordinated Claim Allowed by Final Order of the Bankruptcy Court.

• *Impairment and Voting*: Class 9 is Impaired, and the Holders of Class 9 Claims are entitled to vote to accept or reject the Plan.

"Subordinated Claim" means any Claim that (i) is or may be subordinated to the Convenience Claims and General Unsecured Claims pursuant to 11 U.S.C. § 510 or Final Order of the Bankruptcy Court or (ii) arises from a

Class A Limited Partnership Interest or a Class B/C Limited Partnership Interest.

# 10. <u>Class 10 – Class B/C Limited Partnership Interests</u>

- Classification: Class 10 consists of the Class B/C Limited Partnership Interests.
- Treatment: On or as soon as reasonably practicable after the Effective Date, each Holder of an Allowed Class 10 Claim, in full satisfaction, settlement, discharge and release of, and in exchange for, such Claim shall receive (i) its Pro Rata share of the Contingent Claimant Trust Interests or (ii) such other less favorable treatment as to which such Holder and the Claimant Trustee shall have agreed upon in writing.

Notwithstanding anything to the contrary herein, after the Effective Date and subject to the other provisions of the Plan, the Debtor, the Reorganized Debtor, and the Claimant Trust, as applicable, will have and will retain any and all rights and defenses under bankruptcy or nonbankruptcy law that the Debtor had with respect to any Class B/C Limited Partnership Interest Claim, except with respect to any Class B/C Limited Partnership Interest Claim Allowed by Final Order of the Bankruptcy Court.

• *Impairment and Voting*: Class 10 is Impaired, and the Holders of Class 10 Claims are entitled to vote to accept or reject the Plan.

# 11. Class 11 – Class A Limited Partnership Interests

- Classification: Class 11 consists of the Class A Limited Partnership Interests.
- Treatment: On or as soon as reasonably practicable after the Effective Date, each Holder of an Allowed Class 11 Claim, in full satisfaction, settlement, discharge and release of, and in exchange for, such Claim shall receive (i) its Pro Rata share of the Contingent Claimant Trust Interests or (ii) such other less favorable treatment as to which such Holder and the Claimant Trustee shall have agreed upon in writing.

Notwithstanding anything to the contrary herein, after the Effective Date and subject to the other provisions of the Plan, the Debtor, the Reorganized Debtor, and the Claimant Trust, as applicable, will have and will retain any and all rights and defenses under bankruptcy or nonbankruptcy law that the Debtor had with respect to any Class A Limited Partnership Interest, except with respect to any Class A Limited Partnership Interest Allowed by Final Order of the Bankruptcy Court.

• *Impairment and Voting*: Class 11 is Impaired, and the Holders of Class 11 Claims are entitled to vote to accept or reject the Plan.

# D. Special Provision Governing Unimpaired Claims

Except as otherwise provided in the Plan, nothing under the Plan will affect the Debtor's rights in respect of any Unimpaired Claims, including, without limitation, all rights in respect of legal and equitable defenses to or setoffs or recoupments against any such Unimpaired Claims.

#### E. Subordinated Claims

The allowance, classification, and treatment of all Claims under the Plan shall take into account and conform to the contractual, legal, and equitable subordination rights relating thereto, whether arising under general principles of equitable subordination, section 510(b) of the Bankruptcy Code, or otherwise. Under section 510 of the Bankruptcy Code, upon written notice, the Debtor the Reorganized Debtor, and the Claimant Trustee reserve the right to re-classify, or to seek to subordinate, any Claim in accordance with any contractual, legal, or equitable subordination relating thereto, and the treatment afforded any Claim under the Plan that becomes a subordinated Claim at any time shall be modified to reflect such subordination.

## F. Means for Implementation of the Plan

#### 1. Summary

The Plan will be implemented through (i) the Claimant Trust, (ii) the Litigation Sub-Trust, and (iii) the Reorganized Debtor.

On the Effective Date, all Class A Limited Partnership Interests, including the Class A Limited Partnership Interests held by Strand, as general partner, and Class B/C Limited Partnerships in the Debtor will be cancelled, and new Class A Limited Partnership Interests in the Reorganized Debtor will be issued to the Claimant Trust and New GP LLC – a newly-chartered limited liability company wholly-owned by the Claimant Trust. The Claimant Trust, as limited partner, will ratify New GP LLC's appointment as general partner of the Reorganized Debtor, and on and following the Effective Date, the Claimant Trust will be the Reorganized Debtor's limited partner and New GP LLC will be its general partner. The Claimant Trust, as limited partner, and New GP LLC, as general partner, will execute the Reorganized Limited Partnership Agreement, which will amend and restate, in all respects, the Debtor's current Limited Partnership Agreement. Following the Effective Date, the Reorganized Debtor will be managed consistent with the terms of the Reorganized Limited Partnership Agreement by New GP LLC. The sole managing member of New GP LLC will be the Claimant Trust, and the Claimant Trustee will be the sole officer of New GP LLC on the Effective Date.

Following the Effective Date, the Claimant Trust will administer the Claimant Trust Assets pursuant to the Plan and the Claimant Trust Agreement, and the Litigation Trustee will pursue, if applicable, the Estate Claims pursuant to the terms of the Litigation Sub-Trust Agreement and the Plan. The Reorganized Debtor will administer the Reorganized Debtor Assets and, if needed, with the utilization of a Sub-Servicer, which administration will include, among other things, managing the wind down of the Managed Funds.

Although the Reorganized Debtor will manage the wind down of the Managed Funds, it is currently anticipated that neither the Reorganized Debtor nor the Claimant Trust will assume or assume and assign the contracts between the Debtor and certain Related Entities pursuant to which the Debtor provides shared services and sub-advisory services to those Related Entities. The Debtor believes that the continued provision of the services under such contracts will not be cost effective.

The Reorganized Debtor will distribute all proceeds from the wind down to the Claimant Trust, as its limited partner, and New GP LLC, as its general partner, in each case in accordance with the Reorganized Limited Partnership Agreement. Such proceeds, along with the proceeds of the Claimant Trust Assets, will ultimately be distributed to the Claimant Trust Beneficiaries as set forth in the Plan and the Claimant Trust Agreement.

# 2. The Claimant Trust<sup>11</sup>

(a) Creation and Governance of the Claimant Trust and Litigation Sub-Trust.

On or prior to the Effective Date, the Debtor and the Claimant Trustee shall execute the Claimant Trust Agreement and shall take all steps necessary to establish the Claimant Trust and the Litigation Sub-Trust in accordance with the Plan in each case for the benefit of the Claimant Trust Beneficiaries. Additionally, on or prior to the Effective Date, the Debtor shall irrevocably transfer and shall be deemed to have irrevocably transferred to the Claimant Trust all of its rights, title, and interest in and to all of the Claimant Trust Assets, and in accordance with section 1141 of the Bankruptcy Code, the Claimant Trust Assets shall automatically vest in the Claimant Trust free and clear of all Claims, Liens, encumbrances, or interests subject only to the Claimant Trust Interests and the Claimant Trust Expenses, as provided for in the Claimant Trust Agreement, and such transfer shall be exempt from any stamp, real estate transfer, mortgage from any stamp, transfer, reporting, sales, use, or other similar tax.

The Claimant Trustee shall be the exclusive trustee of the Claimant Trust Assets, excluding the Estate Claims and the Litigation Trustee shall be the exclusive trustee with respect to the Estate Claims in each case for purposes of 31 U.S.C. § 3713(b) and 26 U.S.C. § 6012(b)(3), as well as the representative of the Estate appointed pursuant to section 1123(b)(3)(B) of the Bankruptcy Code with respect to the Claimant Trust Assets. The Claimant Trustee shall also be responsible for resolving all Claims and Equity Interests in Class 8 through Class 11, under the supervision of the Claimant Trust Oversight Committee.

On the Effective Date, the Claimant Trustee and Litigation Trustee shall execute the Litigation Sub-Trust Agreement and shall take all steps necessary to establish the Litigation Sub-Trust. Upon the creation of the Litigation Sub-Trust, the Claimant Trust shall irrevocably transfer and assign to the Litigation Sub-Trust the Estate Claims. The Claimant Trust shall be governed by the Claimant Trust Agreement and administered by the Claimant Trustee. The powers, rights, and responsibilities of the Claimant Trustee shall be specified in the Claimant

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>11</sup> In the event of a conflict between the terms of this summary and the terms of the Claimant Trust Agreement and the Litigation Sub-Trust Agreement, the terms of the Claimant Trust Agreement or the Litigation Sub-Trust Agreement, as applicable, shall control.

Trust Agreement and shall include the authority and responsibility to, among other things, take the actions set forth in Article IV of the Plan, subject to any required reporting to the Claimant Trust Oversight Committee as may be set forth in the Claimant Trust Agreement. The Claimant Trust shall hold and distribute the Claimant Trust Assets (including the proceeds from the Estate Claims, if any) in accordance with the provisions of the Plan and the Claimant Trust Agreement; provided that the Claimant Trust Oversight Committee may direct the Claimant Trust to reserve Cash from distributions as necessary to fund the Claimant Trust and Litigation Sub-Trust. Other rights and duties of the Claimant Trustee and the Claimant Trust Beneficiaries shall be as set forth in the Claimant Trust Agreement. After the Effective Date, neither the Debtor nor the Reorganized Debtor shall have any interest in the Claimant Trust Assets.

The Litigation Sub-Trust shall be governed by the Litigation Sub-Trust Agreement and administered by the Litigation Trustee. The powers, rights, and responsibilities of the Litigation Trustee shall be specified in the Litigation Sub-Trust Agreement and shall include the authority and responsibility to, among other things, take the actions set forth in Article IV of the Plan, subject to any required reporting as may be set forth in the Litigation Sub-Trust Agreement. The Litigation Sub-Trust shall investigate, prosecute, settle, or otherwise resolve the Estate Claims in accordance with the provisions of the Plan and the Litigation Sub-Trust Agreement and shall distribute the proceeds therefrom to the Claimant Trust for distribution. Other rights and duties of the Litigation Trustee shall be as set forth in the Litigation Sub-Trust Agreement.

## (a) Claimant Trust Oversight Committee

The Claimant Trust, the Claimant Trustee, the management and monetization of the Claimant Trust Assets, and the management of the Reorganized Debtor (through the Claimant Trust's role as managing member of New GP LLC) and the Litigation Sub-Trust will be overseen by the Claimant Trust Oversight Committee, subject to the terms of the Claimant Trust Agreement and the Litigation Sub-Trust Agreement, as applicable.

The Claimant Trust Oversight Committee will initially consist of five members. Four of the five members will be representatives of the members of the Committee: (i) the Redeemer Committee of Highland Crusader Fund, (ii) UBS, (iii) Acis, and (iv) Meta-e Discovery. The fifth member will be an independent, natural Person chosen by the Committee and reasonably acceptable to the Debtor. The members of the Claimant Trust Oversight Committee may be replaced as set forth in the Claimant Trust Agreement. The identity of the members of the Claimant Trust Oversight Committee will be disclosed in the Plan Supplement.

As set forth in the Claimant Trust Agreement, in no event will any member of the Claimant Trust Oversight Committee with a Claim against the Estate be entitled to vote, opine, or otherwise be involved in any matters related to such member's Claim.

The independent member(s) of the Claimant Trust Oversight Committee may be entitled to compensation for their services as set forth in the Claimant Trust Agreement. Any member of the Claimant Trust Oversight Committee may be removed, and successor chosen, in the manner set forth in the Claimant Trust Agreement.

# (b) Purpose of the Claimant Trust.

The Claimant Trust shall be established for the purpose of (i) managing and monetizing the Claimant Trust Assets, subject to the terms of the Claimant Trust Agreement and the oversight of the Claimant Trust Oversight Committee, (ii) serving as the limited partner of, and holding the limited partnership interests in, the Reorganized Debtor, (iii) serving as the sole member and manager of New GP LLC, the Reorganized Debtor's general partner, (iv) in its capacity as the sole member and manager of New GP LLC, overseeing the management and monetization of the Reorganized Debtor Assets pursuant to the terms of the Reorganized Limited Partnership Agreement; and (v) administering the Disputed Claims Reserve and serving as Distribution Agent with respect to Disputed Claims in Class 7 or Class 8.

In its management of the Claimant Trust Assets, the Claimant Trust will also reconcile and object to the General Unsecured Claims, Subordinated Claims, Class B/C Limited Partnership Interests, and Class A Limited Partnership Interests, as provided for in the Plan and the Claimant Trust Agreement, and make Trust Distributions to the Claimant Trust Beneficiaries in accordance with Treasury Regulation section 301.7701-4(d), with no objective to continue or engage in the conduct of a trade or business.

The purpose of the Reorganized Debtor is discussed at greater length in Article IV.C of the Plan.

# (c) Purpose of the Litigation Sub-Trust.

The Litigation Sub-Trust shall be established for the purpose of investigating, prosecuting, settling, or otherwise resolving the Estate Claims. Any proceeds therefrom shall be distributed by the Litigation Sub-Trust to the Claimant Trust for distribution to the Claimant Trust Beneficiaries pursuant to the terms of the Claimant Trust Agreement.

(d) *Claimant Trust Agreement and Litigation Sub-Trust Agreement.* 

The Claimant Trust Agreement generally will provide for, among other things:

- the payment of the Claimant Trust Expenses;
- the payment of other reasonable expenses of the Claimant Trust;
- the retention of employees, counsel, accountants, financial advisors, or other professionals and the payment of their reasonable compensation;
- the investment of Cash by the Claimant Trustee within certain limitations, including those specified in the Plan;
  - the orderly monetization of the Claimant Trust Assets;
- litigation of any Causes of Action, which may include the prosecution, settlement, abandonment, or dismissal of any such Causes of Action, subject to reporting and oversight by the Claimant Trust Oversight Committee;
- the resolution of Claims and Equity Interests in Class 8 through Class 11, subject to reporting and oversight by the Claimant Trust Oversight Committee;

- the administration of the Disputed Claims Reserve and distributions to be made therefrom; and
- the management of the Reorganized Debtor, including the utilization of a Sub-Servicer, with the Claimant Trust serving as the managing member of New GP LLC.

Except as otherwise ordered by the Bankruptcy Court, the Claimant Trust Expenses shall be paid from the Claimant Trust Assets in accordance with the Plan and Claimant Trust Agreement. The Claimant Trustee may establish a reserve for the payment of Claimant Trust Expenses and shall periodically replenish such reserve, as necessary.

In furtherance of, and consistent with the purpose of, the Claimant Trust and the Plan, the Trustees, for the benefit of the Claimant Trust, shall, subject to reporting and oversight by the Claimant Trust Oversight Committee as set forth in the Claimant Trust Agreement: (i) hold the Claimant Trust Assets for the benefit of the Claimant Trust Beneficiaries, (ii) make Distributions to the Claimant Trust Beneficiaries as provided herein and in the Claimant Trust Agreement, and (iii) have the sole power and authority to prosecute and resolve any Causes of Action and objections to Claims and Equity Interests (other than those assigned to the Litigation Sub-Trust), without approval of the Bankruptcy Court. Except as otherwise provided in the Claimant Trust Agreement, the Claimant Trustee shall be responsible for all decisions and duties with respect to the Claimant Trust and the Claimant Trust Assets; *provided, however*, that the prosecution and resolution of any Estate Claims included in the Claimant Trust Assets shall be the responsibility of the Litigation Trustee. In all circumstances, the Claimant Trustee shall act in the best interests of the Claimant Trust Beneficiaries and with the same fiduciary duties as a chapter 7 trustee.

The Litigation Sub-Trust Agreement generally will provide for, among other things:

- the payment of other reasonable expenses of the Litigation Sub-Trust;
- the retention of employees, counsel, accountants, financial advisors, or other professionals and the payment of their reasonable compensation; and
- the investigation and prosecution of Estate Claims, which may include the prosecution, settlement, abandonment, or dismissal of any such Estate Claims, subject to reporting and oversight as set forth in the Litigation Sub-Trust Agreement.

The Trustees, on behalf of the Claimant Trust and Litigation Sub-Trust, as applicable, may each employ, without further order of the Bankruptcy Court, employees and other professionals (including those previously retained by the Debtor and the Committee) to assist in carrying out the Trustees' duties hereunder and may compensate and reimburse the reasonable expenses of these professionals without further Order of the Bankruptcy Court from the Claimant Trust Assets in accordance with the Plan and the Claimant Trust Agreement.

The Claimant Trust Agreement and Litigation Sub-Trust Agreement may include reasonable and customary provisions that allow for indemnification by the Claimant Trust in favor of the Claimant Trustee, Litigation Trustee, and the Claimant Trust Oversight Committee. Any such indemnification shall be the sole responsibility of the Claimant Trust and payable solely from the Claimant Trust Assets.

## (e) Compensation and Duties of Trustees.

The salient terms of each Trustee's employment, including such Trustee's duties and compensation shall be set forth in the Claimant Trust Agreement and the Litigation Sub-Trust Agreement, as appropriate. The Trustees shall each be entitled to reasonable compensation in an amount consistent with that of similar functionaries in similar types of bankruptcy cases.

# (f) Cooperation of Debtor and Reorganized Debtor.

To effectively investigate, prosecute, compromise and/or settle the Claims and/or Causes of Action that constitute Claimant Trust Assets (including Estate Claims), the Claimant Trustee, Litigation Trustee, and each of their professionals may require reasonable access to the Debtor's and Reorganized Debtor's documents, information, and work product relating to the Claimant Trust Assets. Accordingly, the Debtor and the Reorganized Debtor, as applicable, shall reasonably cooperate with the Claimant Trustee and Litigation Trustee, as applicable, in their prosecution of Causes of Action and in providing the Claimant Trustee and Litigation Trustee with copies of documents and information in the Debtor's possession, custody, or control on the Effective Date that either Trustee indicates relates to the Estate Claims or other Causes of Action.

The Debtor and Reorganized Debtor shall preserve all records, documents or work product (including all electronic records, documents, or work product) related to the Claims and Causes of Action, including Estate Claims, until the earlier of (a) the dissolution of the Reorganized Debtor or (b) termination of the Claimant Trust and Litigation Sub-Trust.

# (g) United States Federal Income Tax Treatment of the Claimant Trust.

Unless the IRS requires otherwise, for all United States federal income tax purposes, the parties shall treat the transfer of the Claimant Trust Assets to the Claimant Trust as: (a) a transfer of the Claimant Trust Assets (other than the amounts set aside in the Disputed Claims Reserve, if the Claimant Trustee makes the election described in Section 7 below) directly to the applicable Claimant Trust Beneficiaries followed by (b) the transfer by the such Claimant Trust Beneficiaries to the Claimant Trust of such Claimant Trust Assets in exchange for the Claimant Trust Interests. Accordingly, the applicable Claimant Trust Beneficiaries shall be treated for United States federal income tax purposes as the grantors and owners of their respective share of the Claimant Trust Assets. The foregoing treatment shall also apply, to the extent permitted by applicable law, for state and local income tax purposes.

#### (h) Tax Reporting.

The Claimant Trustee shall file tax returns for the Claimant Trust treating the Claimant Trust as a grantor trust pursuant to Treasury Regulation section 1.671-4(a). The Claimant Trustee may file an election pursuant to Treasury Regulation 1.468B-9(c) to treat the Disputed Claims Reserve as a disputed ownership fund, in which case the Claimant Trustee will file federal income tax returns and pay taxes for the Disputed Claims Reserve as a separate taxable entity.

The Claimant Trustee shall be responsible for payment, out of the Claimant Trust Assets, of any taxes imposed on the Claimant Trust or its assets.

The Claimant Trustee shall determine the fair market value of the Claimant Trust Assets as of the Effective Date and notify the applicable Claimant Trust Beneficiaries of such valuation, and such valuation shall be used consistently for all federal income tax purposes.

The Claimant Trustee shall distribute such tax information to the applicable Claimant Trust Beneficiaries as the Claimant Trustee determines is required by applicable law.

#### (i) Claimant Trust Assets.

The Claimant Trustee shall have the exclusive right, on behalf of the Claimant Trust, to institute, file, prosecute, enforce, abandon, settle, compromise, release, or withdraw any and all Causes of Action included in the Claimant Trust Assets (except for the Estate Claims) without any further order of the Bankruptcy Court and the Claimant Trustee shall have the exclusive right, on behalf of the Claimant Trust, to sell, liquidate, or otherwise monetize all Claimant Trust Assets, except as otherwise provided in the Plan or in the Claimant Trust Agreement, without any further order of the Bankruptcy Court. Notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, the Litigation Trustee shall have the exclusive right to institute, file, prosecute, enforce, abandon, settle, compromise, release, or withdraw any and all Estate Claims included in the Claimant Trust Assets without any further order of the Bankruptcy Court.

From and after the Effective Date, the Trustees, in accordance with section 1123(b)(3) and (4) of the Bankruptcy Code, and on behalf of the Claimant Trust, shall each serve as a representative of the Estate with respect to any and all Claimant Trust Assets, including the Causes of Action and Estate Claims, as appropriate, and shall retain and possess the right to (a) commence, pursue, settle, compromise, or abandon, as appropriate, any and all Causes of Action in any court or other tribunal and (b) sell, liquidate, or otherwise monetize all Claimant Trust Assets.

## (j) Claimant Trust Expenses.

From and after the Effective Date, the Claimant Trust shall, in the ordinary course of business and without the necessity of any approval by the Bankruptcy Court, pay the reasonable professional fees and expenses incurred by the Claimant Trust, the Litigation Sub-Trust, and any professionals retained by such parties and entities from the Claimant Trust Assets, except as otherwise provided in the Claimant Trust Agreement.

#### (k) Trust Distributions to Claimant Trust Beneficiaries.

The Claimant Trustee, in its discretion, may make Trust Distributions to the Claimant Trust Beneficiaries at any time and/or use the Claimant Trust Assets or proceeds thereof, *provided* that such Trust Distributions or use is otherwise permitted under the terms of the Plan, the Claimant Trust Agreement, and applicable law.

#### (1) *Cash Investments.*

With the consent of the Claimant Trust Oversight Committee, the Claimant Trustee may invest Cash (including any earnings thereon or proceeds therefrom) in a manner consistent with the terms of the Claimant Trust Agreement; *provided, however*, that such investments are

investments permitted to be made by a "liquidating trust" within the meaning of Treasury Regulation section 301.7701-4(d), as reflected therein, or under applicable IRS guidelines, rulings or other controlling authorities.

## (m) Dissolution of the Claimant Trust and Litigation Sub-Trust.

The Trustees and the Claimant Trust and Litigation Sub-Trust shall be discharged or dissolved, as the case may be, at such time as: (a) the Litigation Trustee determines that the pursuit of Estate Claims is not likely to yield sufficient additional proceeds to justify further pursuit of such Estate Claims, (b) the Claimant Trustee determines that the pursuit of Causes of Action (other than Estate Claims) is not likely to yield sufficient additional proceeds to justify further pursuit of such Causes of Action, (c) the Clamant Trustee determines that the pursuit of sales of other Claimant Trust Assets is not likely to yield sufficient additional proceeds to justify further pursuit of such sales of Claimant Trust Assets, (d) all objections to Disputed Claims and Equity Interests are fully resolved, (e) the Reorganized Debtor is dissolved, and (f) all Distributions required to be made by the Claimant Trustee to the Claimant Trust Beneficiaries under the Plan have been made, but in no event shall the Claimant Trust be dissolved later than three years from the Effective Date unless the Bankruptcy Court, upon motion made within the six-month period before such third anniversary (and, in the event of further extension, by order of the Bankruptcy Court, upon motion made at least six months before the end of the preceding extension), determines that a fixed period extension (not to exceed two years, together with any prior extensions, without a favorable letter ruling from the Internal Revenue Service or an opinion of counsel that any further extension would not adversely affect the status of the Claimant Trust as a liquidating trust for federal income tax purposes) is necessary to facilitate or complete the recovery on, and liquidation of, the Claimant Trust Assets; provided, however, that each extension must be approved, upon a finding that the extension is necessary to facilitate or complete the recovery on, and liquidation of the Claimant Trust Assets, by the Bankruptcy Court within 6 months of the beginning of the extended term and no extension, together with any prior extensions, shall exceed three years without a favorable letter ruling from the Internal Revenue Service or an opinion of counsel that any further extension would not adversely affect the status of the Claimant Trust as a liquidating trust for federal income tax purposes.

Upon dissolution of the Claimant Trust, and pursuant to the Claimant Trust Agreement, any remaining Claimant Trust Assets that exceed the amounts required to be paid under the Plan will be transferred (in the sole discretion of the Claimant Trustee) in Cash or in-kind to the Holders of the Claimant Trust Interests as provided in the Claimant Trust Agreement.

#### 3. The Reorganized Debtor

## (a) Corporate Existence

The Debtor will continue to exist after the Effective Date, with all of the powers of partnerships pursuant to the law of the State of Delaware and as set forth in the Reorganized Limited Partnership Agreement.

## (b) Cancellation of Equity Interests and Release

On the Effective Date, (i) all prepetition Equity Interests, including the Class A Limited Partnership Interests and the Class B/C Limited Partnership Interests, in the Debtor shall be canceled, and (ii) all obligations or debts owed by, or Claims against, the Debtor on account of, or based upon, the Interests shall be deemed as cancelled, released, and discharged, including all obligations or duties by the Debtor relating to the Equity Interests in any of the Debtor's formation documents, including the Limited Partnership Agreement.

## (c) Issuance of New Partnership Interests

On the Effective Date, the Debtor or the Reorganized Debtor, as applicable, will issue new Class A Limited Partnership Interests to (i) the Claimant Trust, as limited partner, and (ii) New GP LLC, as general partner, and will admit (a) the Claimant Trust as the limited partner of the Reorganized Debtor, and (b) New GP LLC as the general partner of the Reorganized Debtor. The Claimant Trust, as limited partner, will ratify New GP LLC's appointment as general partner of the Reorganized Debtor. Also, on the Effective Date, the Claimant Trust, as limited partner, and New GP LLC, as general partner, will execute the Reorganized Limited Partnership Agreement and receive partnership interests in the Reorganized Debtor consistent with the terms of the Reorganized Limited Partnership Agreement.

## (d) *Management of the Reorganized Debtor*

Subject to and consistent with the terms of the Reorganized Limited Partnership Agreement, the Reorganized Debtor shall be managed by its general partner, New GP LLC. The initial officers and employees of the Reorganized Debtor shall be selected by the Claimant Trustee. The Reorganized Debtor may, in its discretion, also utilize a Sub-Servicer in addition to or in lieu of the retention of officers and employees.

As set forth in the Reorganized Limited Partnership Agreement, New GP LLC will receive a fee for managing the Reorganized Debtor. Although New GP LLC will be a limited liability company, it will elect to be treated as a C-Corporation for tax purposes. Therefore, New GP LLC (and any taxable income attributable to it) will be subject to corporate income taxation on a standalone basis, which may reduce the return to Claimants.

# (e) Vesting of Assets in the Reorganized Debtor

Except as otherwise provided in the Plan or the Confirmation Order, on or after the Effective Date, all Reorganized Debtor Assets will vest in the Reorganized Debtor, free and clear of all Liens, Claims, charges or other encumbrances pursuant to section 1141(c) of the Bankruptcy Code except with respect to such Liens, Claims, charges and other encumbrances that are specifically preserved under the Plan upon the Effective Date.

The Reorganized Debtor shall be the exclusive trustee of the Reorganized Debtor Assets for purposes of 31 U.S.C. § 3713(b) and 26 U.S.C. § 6012(b)(3), as well as the representative of the Estate appointed pursuant to section 1123(b)(3)(B) of the Bankruptcy Code with respect to the Reorganized Debtor Assets.

# (f) Purpose of the Reorganized Debtor

Except as may be otherwise provided in the Plan or the Confirmation Order, the Reorganized Debtor will continue to manage the Reorganized Debtor Assets (which shall include, for the avoidance of doubt, serving as the investment manager of the Managed Funds) and may use, acquire or dispose of the Reorganized Debtor Assets and compromise or settle any Claims with respect to the Reorganized Debtor Assets without supervision or approval by the Bankruptcy Court and free of any restrictions of the Bankruptcy Code or Bankruptcy Rules. The Reorganized Debtor shall oversee the resolution of Claims in Class 1 through Class 7.

Without limiting the foregoing, the Reorganized Debtor will pay the charges that it incurs after the Effective Date for Professionals' fees, disbursements, expenses or related support services (including reasonable fees relating to the preparation of Professional fee applications) in the ordinary course of business and without application or notice to, or order of, the Bankruptcy Court

# (g) Distribution of Proceeds from the Reorganized Debtor Assets; Transfer of Reorganized Debtor Assets

Any proceeds received by the Reorganized Debtor will be distributed to the Claimant Trust, as limited partner, and New GP LLC, as general partner, in the manner set forth in the Reorganized Limited Partnership Agreement. As set forth in the Reorganized Limited Partnership Agreement, the Reorganized Debtor may, from time to time distribute Reorganized Debtor Assets to the Claimant Trust either in Cash or in-kind, including to institute the wind-down and dissolution of the Reorganized Debtor. Any assets distributed to the Claimant Trust will be (i) deemed transferred in all respects as forth in Article IV.B.1 of the Plan, (ii) deemed Claimant Trust Assets, and (iii) administered as Claimant Trust Assets.

#### 4. Company Action

Each of the Debtor, the Reorganized Debtor, and the Trustees, as applicable, may take any and all actions to execute, deliver, File or record such contracts, instruments, releases and other agreements or documents and take such actions as may be necessary or appropriate to effectuate and implement the provisions of the Plan, the Claimant Trust Agreement, the Reorganized Limited Partnership Agreement, or the New GP LLC Documents, as applicable, in the name of and on behalf of the Debtor, the Reorganized Debtor, or the Trustees, as applicable, and in each case without further notice to or order of the Bankruptcy Court, act or action under applicable law, regulation, order, or rule or any requirement of further action, vote or other approval or authorization by the security holders, officers, or directors of the Debtor or the Reorganized Debtor, as applicable, or by any other Person.

Prior to, on or after the Effective Date (as appropriate), all matters provided for pursuant to the Plan that would otherwise require approval of the stockholders, partners, directors, managers, or members of the Debtor, any Related Entity, or any Affiliate thereof (as of prior to the Effective Date) will be deemed to have been so approved and will be in effect prior to, on or after the Effective Date (as appropriate) pursuant to applicable law and without any requirement

of further action by the stockholders, partners, directors, managers or members of such Persons, or the need for any approvals, authorizations, actions or consents of any Person.

All matters provided for in the Plan involving the legal or corporate structure of the Debtor, the Reorganized Debtor, or the Claimant Trust, as applicable, and any legal or corporate action required by the Debtor, the Reorganized Debtor, or the Claimant Trust, as applicable, in connection with the Plan, will be deemed to have occurred and will be in full force and effect in all respects, in each case without further notice to or order of the Bankruptcy Court, act or action under applicable law, regulation, order, or rule or any requirement of further action, vote or other approval or authorization by the security holders, partners, directors, managers, or members of the Debtor, the Reorganized Debtor, or the Claimant Trust, as applicable, or by any other Person. On the Effective Date, the appropriate officers of the Debtor and the Reorganized Debtor, as applicable, as well as the Trustees, are authorized to issue, execute, deliver, and consummate the transactions contemplated by, the contracts, agreements, documents, guarantees, pledges, consents, securities, certificates, resolutions and instruments contemplated by or described in the Plan in the name of and on behalf of the Debtor and the Reorganized Debtor, as well as the Trustees, in each case without further notice to or order of the Bankruptcy Court, act or action under applicable law, regulation, order, or rule or any requirement of further action, vote or other approval or authorization by any Person. The appropriate officer of the Debtor, the Reorganized Debtor, as well as the Trustees, will be authorized to certify or attest to any of the foregoing actions.

## 5. Release of Liens, Claims and Equity Interests

Except as otherwise provided in the Plan or in any contract, instrument, release or other agreement or document entered into or delivered in connection with the Plan, from and after the Effective Date and concurrently with the applicable distributions made pursuant to the Plan, all Liens, Claims, Equity Interests, mortgages, deeds of trust, or other security interests against the property of the Estate will be fully released, terminated, extinguished and discharged, in each case without further notice to or order of the Bankruptcy Court, act or action under applicable law, regulation, order, or rule or the vote, consent, authorization or approval of any Entity. Any Entity holding such Liens or Equity Interests extinguished pursuant to the prior sentence will, pursuant to section 1142 of the Bankruptcy Code, promptly execute and deliver to the Debtor, the Reorganized Debtor, or the Claimant Trustee, as applicable, such instruments of termination, release, satisfaction and/or assignment (in recordable form) as may be reasonably requested by the Debtor, the Reorganized Debtor, or the Claimant Trustee, as applicable. For the avoidance of doubt, this section is in addition to, and shall not be read to limit in any respects, Article IV.C.2 of the Plan.

#### 6. Cancellation of Notes, Certificates and Instruments

Except for the purpose of evidencing a right to a distribution under the Plan and except as otherwise set forth in the Plan, on the Effective Date, all agreements, instruments, Securities and other documents evidencing any prepetition Claim or Equity Interest and any rights of any Holder in respect thereof shall be deemed cancelled, discharged, and of no force or effect. The holders of or parties to such cancelled instruments, Securities, and other documentation will have no rights arising from or related to such instruments, Securities, or other documentation or the

cancellation thereof, except the rights provided for pursuant to the Plan, and the obligations of the Debtor thereunder or in any way related thereto will be fully released, terminated, extinguished and discharged, in each case without further notice to or order of the Bankruptcy Court, act or action under applicable law, regulation, order, or rule or any requirement of further action, vote or other approval or authorization by any Person. For the avoidance of doubt, this section is in addition to, and shall not be read to limit in any respects, Article IV.C.2 of the Plan.

# 7. <u>Cancellation of Existing Instruments Governing Security Interests</u>

Upon payment or other satisfaction of an Allowed Class 1 or Allowed Class 2 Claim, or promptly thereafter, the Holder of such Allowed Class 1 or Allowed Class 2 Claim shall deliver to the Debtor, the Reorganized Debtor, or the Claimant Trustee, as applicable, any collateral or other property of the Debtor held by such Holder, together with any termination statements, instruments of satisfaction, or releases of all security interests with respect to its Allowed Class 1 or Allowed Class 2 Claim that may be reasonably required to terminate any related financing statements, mortgages, mechanics' or other statutory Liens, or *lis pendens*, or similar interests or documents.

#### 8. Control Provisions

To the extent that there is any inconsistency between the Plan as it relates to the Claimant Trust, the Claimant Trust Agreement, the Reorganized Debtor, or the Reorganized Limited Partnership Agreement, the Plan shall control.

# 9. <u>Treatment of Vacant Classes</u>

Any Claim or Equity Interest in a Class considered vacant under Article III.C of the Plan shall receive no Plan Distributions.

#### 10. Plan Documents

The documents, if any, to be Filed as part of the Plan Documents, including any documents filed with the Plan Supplement, and any amendments, restatements, supplements, or other modifications to such documents, and any consents, waivers, or other deviations under or from any such documents, shall be incorporated herein by this reference (including to the applicable definitions in Article I of the Plan) and fully enforceable as if stated in full herein.

#### 11. Highland Capital Management, L.P. Retirement Plan and Trust

The Highland Capital Management, L.P. Retirement Plan And Trust ("Pension Plan") is a single-employer defined benefit pension plan covered by Title IV of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974, as amended ("ERISA"). 29 U.S.C. §§ 1301-1461. The Debtor is the contributing sponsor and, as such, the PBGC asserts that the Debtor is liable along with any members of the contributing sponsor's controlled-group within the meaning of 29 U.S.C. §§ 1301(a)(13), (14) with respect to the Pension Plan.

Upon the Effective Date, the Reorganized Debtor shall be deemed to have assumed the Pension Plan and shall comply with all applicable statutory provisions of ERISA and the Internal

Revenue Code (the "IRC"), including, but not limited to, satisfying the minimum funding standards pursuant to 26 U.S.C. §§ 412, 430, and 29 U.S.C. §§ 1082, 1083; paying the PBGC premiums in accordance with 29 U.S.C. §§ 1306 and 1307; and administering the Pension Plan in accordance with its terms and the provisions of ERISA and the IRC. In the event that the Pension Plan terminates after the Plan of Reorganization Effective Date, the PBGC asserts that the Reorganized Debtor and each of its controlled group members will be responsible for the liabilities imposed by Title IV of ERISA.

Notwithstanding any provision of the Plan, the Confirmation Order, or the Bankruptcy Code (including section 1141 thereof) to the contrary, neither the Plan, the Confirmation Order, or the Bankruptcy Code shall be construed as discharging, releasing, exculpating or relieving the Debtor, the Reorganized Debtor, or any person or entity in any capacity, from any liability or responsibility, if any, with respect to the Pension Plan under any law, governmental policy, or regulatory provision. PBGC and the Pension Plan shall not be enjoined or precluded from enforcing such liability or responsibility against any person or entity as a result of any of the provisions of the Plan, the Confirmation Order, or the Bankruptcy Code. The Debtor reserves the right to contest any such liability or responsibility.

# A. Treatment of Executory Contracts and Unexpired Leases

# 1. <u>Assumption, Assignment, or Rejection of Executory Contracts and Unexpired</u> Leases

Unless an Executory Contract or Unexpired Lease: (i) was previously assumed or rejected by the Debtor pursuant to a Final Order of the Bankruptcy Court entered prior to the Effective Date; (ii) previously expired or terminated pursuant to its own terms or by agreement of the parties thereto; (iii) is the subject of a motion to assume filed by the Debtor on or before the Confirmation Date; (iv) contains a change of control or similar provision that would be triggered by the Chapter 11 Case (unless such provision has been irrevocably waived); or (v) is specifically designated as a contract or lease to be assumed in the Plan Supplement, on the Effective Date, each Executory Contract and Unexpired Lease shall be deemed rejected pursuant to section 365 of the Bankruptcy Code, without the need for any further notice to or action, order, or approval of the Bankruptcy Court, unless such Executory Contract or Unexpired Lease is listed in the Plan Supplement.

At any time on or prior to the Effective Date, the Debtor may (i) amend the Plan Supplement in order to add or remove a contract or lease from the list of contracts to be assumed or (ii) assign (subject to applicable law) any Executory Contract or Unexpired Lease, as determined by the Debtor in consultation with the Committee, or the Reorganized Debtor, as applicable.

The Confirmation Order will constitute an order of the Bankruptcy Court approving the above-described assumptions, rejections, and assumptions and assignments. Except as otherwise provided herein or agreed to by the Debtor and the applicable counterparty, each assumed Executory Contract or Unexpired Lease shall include all modifications, amendments, supplements, restatements, or other agreements related thereto, and all rights related thereto. Modifications, amendments, supplements, and restatements to prepetition Executory Contracts

and Unexpired Leases that have been executed by the Debtor during the Chapter 11 Case shall not be deemed to alter the prepetition nature of the Executory Contract or Unexpired Lease or the validity, priority, or amount of any Claims that may arise in connection therewith. To the extent applicable, no change of control (or similar provision) will be deemed to occur under any such Executory Contract or Unexpired Lease.

If certain, but not all, of a contract counterparty's Executory Contracts and/or Unexpired Leases are rejected pursuant to the Plan, the Confirmation Order shall be a determination that such counterparty's Executory Contracts and/or Unexpired Leases that are being assumed pursuant to the Plan are severable agreements that are not integrated with those Executory Contracts and/or Unexpired Leases that are being rejected pursuant to the Plan. Parties seeking to contest this finding with respect to their Executory Contracts and/or Unexpired Leases must file a timely objection to the Plan on the grounds that their agreements are integrated and not severable, and any such dispute shall be resolved by the Bankruptcy Court at the Confirmation Hearing (to the extent not resolved by the parties prior to the Confirmation Hearing).

Notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, the Debtor shall assume or reject that certain real property lease with Crescent TC Investors L.P. ("<u>Landlord</u>") for the Debtor's headquarters located at 200/300 Crescent Ct., Suite #700, Dallas, Texas 75201 (the "<u>Lease</u>") in accordance with the notice to Landlord, procedures and timing required by 11 U.S.C. §365(d)(4), as modified by that certain *Agreed Order Granting Motion to Extend Time to Assume or Reject Unexpired Nonresidential Real Property Lease* [D.I. 1122].

# 2. <u>Claims Based on Rejection of Executory Contracts or Unexpired Leases</u>

Any Executory Contract or Unexpired Lease not assumed or rejected on or before the Effective Date shall be deemed rejected, pursuant to the Confirmation Order. Any Person asserting a Rejection Claim shall File a proof of claim within thirty days of the Effective Date. Any Rejection Claims that are not timely Filed pursuant to the Plan shall be forever disallowed and barred. If one or more Rejection Claims are timely Filed, the Claimant Trustee may File an objection to any Rejection Claim.

Rejection Claims shall be classified as General Unsecured Claims and shall be treated in accordance with Article III of the Plan.

# 3. <u>Cure of Defaults for Assumed or Assigned Executory Contracts and Unexpired</u> Leases

Any monetary amounts by which any Executory Contract or Unexpired Lease to be assumed or assigned hereunder is in default shall be satisfied, under section 365(b)(1) of the Bankruptcy Code, by the Debtor upon assumption or assignment thereof, by payment of the default amount in Cash as and when due in the ordinary course or on such other terms as the parties to such Executory Contracts may otherwise agree. The Debtor may serve a notice on the Committee and parties to Executory Contracts or Unexpired Leases to be assumed or assigned reflecting the Debtor's or Reorganized Debtor's intention to assume or assign the Executory Contract or Unexpired Lease in connection with the Plan and setting forth the proposed cure amount (if any).

If a dispute regarding (1) the amount of any payments to cure a default, (2) the ability of the Debtor, the Reorganized Debtor, or any assignee to provide "adequate assurance of future performance" (within the meaning of section 365 of the Bankruptcy Code) under the Executory Contract or Unexpired Lease to be assumed or assigned or (3) any other matter pertaining to assumption or assignment, the cure payments required by section 365(b)(1) of the Bankruptcy Code will be made following the entry of a Final Order or orders resolving the dispute and approving the assumption or assignment.

Assumption or assignment of any Executory Contract or Unexpired Lease pursuant to the Plan or otherwise and full payment of any applicable cure amounts pursuant to Article V.C of the Plan shall result in the full release and satisfaction of any cure amounts, Claims, or defaults, whether monetary or nonmonetary, including defaults of provisions restricting the change in control or ownership interest composition or other bankruptcy-related defaults, arising under any assumed or assigned Executory Contract or Unexpired Lease at any time prior to the effective date of assumption or assignment. Any and all Proofs of Claim based upon Executory Contracts or Unexpired Leases that have been assumed or assigned in the Chapter 11 Case, including pursuant to the Confirmation Order, and for which any cure amounts have been fully paid pursuant to Article V.C of the Plan, shall be deemed disallowed and expunged as of the Effective Date without the need for any objection thereto or any further notice to or action, order, or approval of the Bankruptcy Court.

#### **B.** Provisions Governing Distributions

#### 1. Dates of Distributions

Except as otherwise provided in the Plan, on the Effective Date or as soon as reasonably practicable thereafter (or if a Claim is not an Allowed Claim or Equity Interest on the Effective Date, on the date that such Claim or Equity Interest becomes an Allowed Claim or Equity Interest, or as soon as reasonably practicable thereafter), each Holder of an Allowed Claim or Equity Interest against the Debtor shall receive the full amount of the distributions that the Plan provides for Allowed Claims or Allowed Equity Interests in the applicable Class and in the manner provided herein. If any payment or act under the Plan is required to be made or performed on a date that is not on a Business Day, then the making of such payment or the performance of such act may be completed on the next succeeding Business Day, but shall be deemed to have been completed as of the required date. If and to the extent there are Disputed Claims or Equity Interests, distributions on account of any such Disputed Claims or Equity Interests shall be made pursuant to the provisions provided in the Plan. Except as otherwise provided in the Plan, Holders of Claims and Equity Interests shall not be entitled to interest, dividends or accruals on the distributions provided for therein, regardless of whether distributions are delivered on or at any time after the Effective Date.

Upon the Effective Date, all Claims and Equity Interests against the Debtor shall be deemed fixed and adjusted pursuant to the Plan and none of the Debtor, the Reorganized Debtor, or the Claimant Trust will have liability on account of any Claims or Equity Interests except as set forth in the Plan and in the Confirmation Order. All payments and all distributions made by the Distribution Agent under the Plan shall be in full and final satisfaction, settlement and release of all Claims and Equity Interests against the Debtor and the Reorganized Debtor.

At the close of business on the Distribution Record Date, the transfer ledgers for the Claims against the Debtor and the Equity Interests in the Debtor shall be closed, and there shall be no further changes in the record holders of such Claims and Equity Interests. The Debtor, the Reorganized Debtor, the Trustees, and the Distribution Agent, and each of their respective agents, successors, and assigns shall have no obligation to recognize the transfer of any Claims against the Debtor or Equity Interests in the Debtor occurring after the Distribution Record Date and shall be entitled instead to recognize and deal for all purposes hereunder with only those record holders stated on the transfer ledgers as of the close of business on the Distribution Record Date irrespective of the number of distributions to be made under the Plan to such Persons or the date of such distributions.

## 2. Distribution Agent

Except as provided herein, all distributions under the Plan shall be made by the Claimant Trustee, as Distribution Agent, or by such other Entity designated by the Claimant Trustee, as a Distribution Agent on the Effective Date or thereafter. The Reorganized Debtor will be the Distribution Agent with respect to Claims in Class 1 through Class 7.

The Claimant Trustee, or such other Entity designated by the Claimant Trustee to be the Distribution Agent, shall not be required to give any bond or surety or other security for the performance of such Distribution Agent's duties unless otherwise ordered by the Bankruptcy Court.

The Distribution Agent shall be empowered to (a) effect all actions and execute all agreements, instruments, and other documents necessary to perform its duties under the Plan; (b) make all distributions contemplated hereby; (c) employ professionals to represent it with respect to its responsibilities; and (d) exercise such other powers as may be vested in the Distribution Agent by order of the Bankruptcy Court, pursuant to the Plan, or as deemed by the Distribution Agent to be necessary and proper to implement the provisions of the Plan.

The Distribution Agent shall not have any obligation to make a particular distribution to a specific Holder of an Allowed Claim if such Holder is also the Holder of a Disputed Claim.

#### 3. Cash Distributions

Distributions of Cash may be made by wire transfer from a domestic bank, except that Cash payments made to foreign creditors may be made in such funds and by such means as the Distribution Agent determines are necessary or customary in a particular foreign jurisdiction.

#### 4. <u>Disputed Claims Reserve</u>

On or prior to the Initial Distribution Date, the Claimant Trustee shall establish, fund and maintain the Disputed Claims Reserve(s) in the appropriate Disputed Claims Reserve Amounts on account of any Disputed Claims.

As used above, "Disputed Claims Reserve" means the appropriate reserve(s) or account(s) to be established on the Initial Distribution Date and maintained by the Claimant

Trustee for distributions on account of Disputed Claims that may subsequently become an Allowed Claim.

"Disputed Claims Reserve Amount" means, for purposes of determining the Disputed Claims Reserve, the Cash that would have otherwise been distributed to a Holder of a Disputed Claim at the time any distributions of Cash are made to the Holders of Allowed Claims. The amount of the Disputed Claim upon which the Disputed Claims Reserve is calculated shall be:

(a) the amount set forth on either the Schedules or the filed Proof of Claim, as applicable; (b) the amount agreed to by the Holder of the Disputed Claim and the Claimant Trustee or Reorganized Debtor, as applicable; (c) the amount ordered by the Bankruptcy Court if it enters an order disallowing, in whole or in part, a Disputed Claim; or (d) as otherwise ordered by the Bankruptcy Court, including an order estimating the Disputed Claim.

HarbourVest and Mr. Daugherty have objected to the mechanisms for calculating the amount of the Disputed Claims Reserve with respect to the HarbourVest Claim and the Daugherty Claim, respectively, and intend to press their objections at the hearing for confirmation of the Plan.

## 5. Distributions from the Disputed Claims Reserve

The Disputed Claims Reserve shall at all times hold Cash in an amount no less than the Disputed Claims Reserve Amount. To the extent a Disputed Claim becomes an Allowed Claim pursuant to the terms of the Plan, within 30 days of the date on which such Disputed Claim becomes an Allowed Claim pursuant to the terms of the Plan, the Claimant Trustee shall distribute from the Disputed Claims Reserve to the Holder thereof any prior distributions, in Cash, that would have been made to such Allowed Claim if it had been Allowed as of the Effective Date. For the avoidance of doubt, each Holder of a Disputed Claim that subsequently becomes an Allowed Claim will also receive its Pro Rata share of the Claimant Trust Interests. If, upon the resolution of all Disputed Claims any Cash remains in the Disputed Claims Reserve, such Cash shall be transferred to the Claimant Trust and be deemed a Claimant Trust Asset.

#### 6. Rounding of Payments

Whenever the Plan would otherwise call for, with respect to a particular Person, payment of a fraction of a dollar, the actual payment or distribution shall reflect a rounding of such fraction to the nearest whole dollar (up or down), with half dollars being rounded down. To the extent that Cash to be distributed under the Plan remains undistributed as a result of the aforementioned rounding, such Cash or stock shall be treated as "Unclaimed Property" under the Plan.

## 7. *De Minimis* Distribution

Except as to any Allowed Claim that is Unimpaired under the Plan, none of the Debtor, the Reorganized Debtor, or the Distribution Agent shall have any obligation to make any Plan Distributions with a value of less than \$100, unless a written request therefor is received by the Distribution Agent from the relevant recipient at the addresses set forth in Article VI.I of the Plan within 120 days after the later of the (i) Effective Date and (ii) the date such Claim becomes an Allowed Claim. *De minimis* distributions for which no such request is timely received shall

revert to the Claimant Trust. Upon such reversion, the relevant Allowed Claim (and any Claim on account of missed distributions) shall be automatically deemed satisfied, discharged and forever barred, notwithstanding any federal or state escheat laws to the contrary.

## 8. Distributions on Account of Allowed Claims

Except as otherwise agreed by the Holder of a particular Claim or as provided in the Plan, all distributions shall be made pursuant to the terms of the Plan and the Confirmation Order. Except as otherwise provided in the Plan, distributions to any Holder of an Allowed Claim shall, to the extent applicable, be allocated first to the principal amount of any such Allowed Claim, as determined for U.S. federal income tax purposes and then, to the extent the consideration exceeds such amount, to the remainder of such Claim comprising accrued but unpaid interest, if any (but solely to the extent that interest is an allowable portion of such Allowed Claim).

#### 9. General Distribution Procedures

The Distribution Agent shall make all distributions of Cash or other property required under the Plan, unless the Plan specifically provides otherwise. All Cash and other property held by the Debtor, the Reorganized Debtor, or the Claimant Trust, as applicable, for ultimate distribution under the Plan shall not be subject to any claim by any Person.

# 10. Address for Delivery of Distributions

Distributions to Holders of Allowed Claims, to the extent provided for under the Plan, shall be made (1) at the addresses set forth in any written notices of address change delivered to the Debtor and the Distribution Agent; (2) at the address set forth on any Proofs of Claim Filed by such Holders (to the extent such Proofs of Claim are Filed in the Chapter 11 Case), (2), or (3) at the addresses in the Debtor's books and records.

If there is any conflict or discrepancy between the addresses set forth in (1) through (3) in the foregoing sentence, then (i) the address in Section (2) shall control; (ii) if (2) does not apply, the address in (1) shall control, and (iii) if (1) does not apply, the address in (3) shall control.

# 11. <u>Undeliverable Distributions and Unclaimed Property</u>

If the distribution to the Holder of any Allowed Claim is returned to the Reorganized Debtor or the Claimant Trust as undeliverable, no further distribution shall be made to such Holder, and Distribution Agent shall not have any obligation to make any further distribution to the Holder, unless and until the Distribution Agent is notified in writing of such Holder's then current address.

Any Entity that fails to claim any Cash within six months from the date upon which a distribution is first made to such Entity shall forfeit all rights to any distribution under the Plan and such Cash shall thereafter be deemed an Claimant Trust Asset in all respects and for all purposes. Entities that fail to claim Cash shall forfeit their rights thereto and shall have no claim whatsoever against the Debtor's Estate, the Reorganized Debtor, the Claimant Trust, or against any Holder of an Allowed Claim to whom distributions are made by the Distribution Agent.

# 12. <u>Withholding Taxes</u>

In connection with the Plan, to the extent applicable, the Distribution Agent shall comply with all tax withholding and reporting requirements imposed on them by any Governmental Unit, and all distributions made pursuant to the Plan shall be subject to such withholding and reporting requirements. The Distribution Agent shall be entitled to deduct any U.S. federal, state or local withholding taxes from any Cash payments made with respect to Allowed Claims, as appropriate. As a condition to receiving any distribution under the Plan, the Distribution Agent may require that the Holder of an Allowed Claim entitled to receive a distribution pursuant to the Plan provide such Holder's taxpayer identification number and such other information and certification as may be deemed necessary for the Distribution Agent to comply with applicable tax reporting and withholding laws. If a Holder fails to comply with such a request within one year, such distribution shall be deemed an unclaimed distribution. Any amounts withheld pursuant hereto shall be deemed to have been distributed to and received by the applicable recipient for all purposes of the Plan.

#### 13. Setoffs

The Distribution Agent may, to the extent permitted under applicable law, set off against any Allowed Claim and any distributions to be made pursuant to the Plan on account of such Allowed Claim, the claims, rights and causes of action of any nature that the Debtor, the Reorganized Debtor, or the Distribution Agent may hold against the Holder of such Allowed Claim that are not otherwise waived, released or compromised in accordance with the Plan; provided, however, that neither such a setoff nor the allowance of any Claim hereunder shall constitute a waiver or release by the Debtor, the Reorganized Debtor, or the Claimant Trustee of any such claims, rights and causes of action that the Debtor, the Reorganized Debtor, or Claimant Trustee possesses against such Holder. Any Holder of an Allowed Claim subject to such setoff reserves the right to challenge any such setoff in the Bankruptcy Court or any other court with jurisdiction with respect to such challenge.

#### 14. Surrender of Cancelled Instruments or Securities

As a condition precedent to receiving any distribution pursuant to the Plan on account of an Allowed Claim evidenced by negotiable instruments, securities, or notes canceled pursuant to Article IV of the Plan, the Holder of such Claim will tender the applicable negotiable instruments, securities, or notes evidencing such Claim (or a sworn affidavit identifying the negotiable instruments, securities, or notes formerly held by such Holder and certifying that they have been lost), to the Distribution Agent unless waived in writing by the Distribution Agent.

#### 15. Lost, Stolen, Mutilated or Destroyed Securities

In addition to any requirements under any applicable agreement and applicable law, any Holder of a Claim or Equity Interest evidenced by a security or note that has been lost, stolen, mutilated, or destroyed will, in lieu of surrendering such security or note to the extent required by the Plan, deliver to the Distribution Agent: (i) evidence reasonably satisfactory to the Distribution Agent of such loss, theft, mutilation, or destruction; and (ii) such security or indemnity as may be required by the Distribution Agent to hold such party harmless from any

damages, liabilities, or costs incurred in treating such individual as a Holder of an Allowed Claim or Equity Interest. Upon compliance with Article VI.O of the Plan as determined by the Distribution Agent, by a Holder of a Claim evidenced by a security or note, such Holder will, for all purposes under the Plan, be deemed to have surrendered such security or note to the Distribution Agent.

## C. Procedures for Resolving Contingent, Unliquidated and Disputed Claims

## 1. <u>Filing of Proofs of Claim</u>

Unless such Claim appeared in the Schedules and is not listed as disputed, contingent, or unliquidated, or such Claim has otherwise been Allowed or paid, each Holder of a Claim was required to file a Proof of Claim on or prior to the Bar Date.

## 2. <u>Disputed Claims</u>

Following the Effective Date, each of the Reorganized Debtor or the Claimant Trustee, as applicable, may File with the Bankruptcy Court an objection to the allowance of any Disputed Claim or Disputed Equity Interest or any other appropriate motion or adversary proceeding with respect thereto, which shall be litigated to Final Order or, at the discretion of the Reorganized Debtor or Claimant Trustee, as applicable, compromised, settled, withdrew or resolved without further order of the Bankruptcy Court, and (ii) unless otherwise provided in the Confirmation Order, the Reorganized Debtor or the Claimant Trust, as applicable, are authorized to settle, or withdraw any objections to, any Disputed Claim or Disputed Equity Interests following the Effective Date without further notice to creditors (other than the Entity holding such Disputed Claim or Disputed Equity Interest) or authorization of the Bankruptcy Court, in which event such Claim or Equity Interest shall be deemed to be an Allowed Claim or Equity Interest in the amount compromised for purposes of the Plan.

#### 3. Procedures Regarding Disputed Claims or Disputed Equity Interests

No payment or other distribution or treatment shall be made on account of a Disputed Claim or Disputed Equity Interest unless and until such Disputed Claim or Disputed Equity Interest becomes an Allowed Claim or Equity Interests and the amount of such Allowed Claim or Equity Interest, as applicable, is determined by order of the Bankruptcy Court or by stipulation between the Reorganized Debtor or Claimant Trust, as applicable, and the Holder of the Claim or Equity Interest.

#### 4. Allowance of Claims and Equity Interests

Following the date on which a Disputed Claim or Disputed Equity Interest becomes an Allowed Claim or Equity Interest after the Distribution Date, the Distribution Agent shall make a distribution to the Holder of such Allowed Claim or Equity Interest in accordance with the Plan.

# Allowance of Claims

After the Effective Date and subject to the other provisions of the Plan, the Reorganized Debtor or the Claimant Trust, as applicable, will have and will retain any and all rights and

defenses under bankruptcy or nonbankruptcy law that the Debtor had with respect to any Claim. Except as expressly provided in the Plan or in any order entered in the Chapter 11 Case prior to the Effective Date (including, without limitation, the Confirmation Order), no Claim or Equity Interest will become an Allowed Claim or Equity Interest unless and until such Claim or Equity Interest is deemed Allowed under the Plan or the Bankruptcy Code or the Bankruptcy Court has entered an order, including, without limitation, the Confirmation Order, in the Chapter 11 Case allowing such Claim or Equity Interest.

#### Estimation

Subject to the other provisions of the Plan, the Debtor, prior to the Effective Date, and the Reorganized Debtor or the Claimant Trustee, as applicable, after the Effective Date, may, at any time, request that the Bankruptcy Court estimate (a) any Disputed Claim or Disputed Equity Interest pursuant to applicable law and in accordance with the Plan and (b) any contingent or unliquidated Claim pursuant to applicable law, including, without limitation, section 502(c) of the Bankruptcy Code, and the Bankruptcy Court will retain jurisdiction under 28 U.S.C. §§ 157 and 1334 to estimate any Disputed Claim or Disputed Equity Interest, contingent Claim or unliquidated Claim, including during the litigation concerning any objection to any Claim or Equity Interest or during the pendency of any appeal relating to any such objection. All of the aforementioned objection, estimation and resolution procedures are cumulative and not exclusive of one another. Claims or Equity Interests may be estimated and subsequently compromised, settled, withdrawn or resolved by any mechanism approved by the Bankruptcy Court. The rights and objections of all parties are reserved in connection with any such estimation proceeding.

## Disallowance of Claims

Any Claims or Equity Interests held by Entities from which property is recoverable under sections 542, 543, 550, or 553 of the Bankruptcy Code, or that are a transferee of a transfer avoidable under sections 522(f), 522(h), 544, 545, 547, 548, 549, or 724(a) of the Bankruptcy Code, shall be deemed disallowed pursuant to section 502(d) of the Bankruptcy Code, and holders of such Claims or Interests may not receive any distributions on account of such Claims or Interests until such time as such Causes of Action against that Entity have been settled or a Bankruptcy Court Order with respect thereto has been entered and all sums due, if any, to the Reorganized Debtor or the Claimant Trust, as applicable, by that Entity have been turned over or paid to the Reorganized Debtor or the Claimant Trust, as applicable.

EXCEPT AS OTHERWISE PROVIDED HEREIN OR AS AGREED TO BY THE DEBTOR, REORGANIZED DEBTOR, OR CLAIMANT TRUSTEE, AS APPLICABLE, ANY AND ALL PROOFS OF CLAIM FILED AFTER THE BAR DATE SHALL BE DEEMED DISALLOWED AND EXPUNGED AS OF THE EFFECTIVE DATE WITHOUT ANY FURTHER NOTICE TO OR ACTION, ORDER, OR APPROVAL OF THE BANKRUPTCY COURT, AND HOLDERS OF SUCH CLAIMS MAY NOT RECEIVE ANY DISTRIBUTIONS ON ACCOUNT OF SUCH CLAIMS, UNLESS SUCH LATE PROOF OF CLAIM HAS BEEN DEEMED TIMELY FILED BY A FINAL ORDER.

#### D. Effectiveness of the Plan

#### 1. Conditions Precedent to the Effective Date

The Effective Date of the Plan will be conditioned upon the satisfaction or waiver by the Debtor (and, to the extent such condition requires the consent of the Committee, the consent of the Committee with such consent not to be unreasonably withheld), pursuant to the provisions of Article VIII.B of the Plan of the following:

- the Plan and the Plan Documents, including the Claimant Trust Agreement and the Reorganized Limited Partnership Agreement, and all schedules, documents, supplements and exhibits to the Plan shall have been Filed in form and substance reasonably acceptable to the Debtor and the Committee.
- The Confirmation Order shall have been entered, not subject to stay pending appeal, and shall be in form and substance reasonably acceptable to the Debtor and the Committee. The Confirmation Order shall provide that, among other things, (i) the Debtor, the Reorganized Debtor, the Claimant Trustee, or the Litigation Trustee are authorized to take all actions necessary or appropriate to effectuate and consummate the Plan, including, without limitation, (a) entering into, implementing, effectuating, and consummating the contracts, instruments, releases, and other agreements or documents created in connection with or described in the Plan, (b) assuming the Executory Contracts and Unexpired Leases set forth in the Plan Supplement, (c) making all distributions and issuances as required under the Plan; and (d) entering into any transactions as set forth in the Plan Documents; (ii) the provisions of the Confirmation Order and the Plan are nonseverable and mutually dependent; (iii) the implementation of the Plan in accordance with its terms is authorized; (iv) pursuant to section 1146 of the Bankruptcy Code, the delivery of any deed or other instrument or transfer order, in furtherance of, or in connection with the Plan, including any deeds, bills of sale, or assignments executed in connection with any disposition or transfer of Assets contemplated under the Plan, shall not be subject to any Stamp or Similar Tax; and (v) the vesting of the Claimant Trust Assets in the Claimant Trust and the Reorganized Debtor Assets in the Reorganized Debtor, in each case as of the Effective Date free and clear of liens and claims to the fullest extent permissible under applicable law pursuant to section 1141(c) of the Bankruptcy Code except with respect to such Liens, Claims, charges and other encumbrances that are specifically preserved under the Plan upon the Effective Date.
- All documents and agreements necessary to implement the Plan, including without limitation, the Reorganized Limited Partnership Agreement, the Claimant Trust Agreement, and the New GP LLC Documents, in each case in form and substance reasonably acceptable to the Debtor and the Committee, shall have (a) been tendered for delivery, and (b) been effected by, executed by, or otherwise deemed binding upon, all Entities party thereto and shall be in full force and effect. All conditions precedent to such documents and agreements shall have been satisfied or waived pursuant to the terms of such documents or agreements.

- All authorizations, consents, actions, documents, approvals (including any governmental approvals), certificates and agreements necessary to implement the Plan, including, without limitation, the Reorganized Limited Partnership Agreement, the Claimant Trust Agreement, and the New GP LLC Documents, shall have been obtained, effected or executed and delivered to the required parties and, to the extent required, filed with the applicable governmental units in accordance with applicable laws and any applicable waiting periods shall have expired without any action being taken or threatened by any competent authority that would restrain or prevent effectiveness or consummation of the Restructuring.
- The Professional Fee Reserve shall be funded pursuant to the Plan in an amount determined by the Debtor in good faith.

## 2. Waiver of Conditions

The conditions to effectiveness of the Plan set forth in Article VIII of the Plan (other than that the Confirmation Order shall have been entered) may be waived in whole or in part by the Debtor (and, to the extent such condition requires the consent of the Committee, the consent of the Committee), without notice, leave or order of the Bankruptcy Court or any formal action other than proceeding to confirm or effectuate the Plan. The failure to satisfy or waive a condition to the Effective Date may be asserted by the Debtor regardless of the circumstances giving rise to the failure of such condition to be satisfied. The failure of the Debtor to exercise any of the foregoing rights will not be deemed a waiver of any other rights, and each right will be deemed an ongoing right that may be asserted at any time by the Debtor, the Reorganized Debtor, or the Claimant Trust, as applicable.

#### 3. Effect of Non-Occurrence of Conditions to Effectiveness

Unless waived as set forth in Article VIII.B of the Plan, if the Effective Date of the Plan does not occur within twenty calendar days of entry of the Confirmation Order, the Debtor may withdraw the Plan and, if withdrawn, the Plan shall be of no further force or effect.

## 4. Dissolution of the Committee

On the Effective Date, the Committee will dissolve, and the members of the Committee and the Committee's Professionals will cease to have any role arising from or relating to the Chapter 11 Case, except in connection with final fee applications of Professionals for services rendered prior to the Effective Date (including the right to object thereto). The Professionals retained by the Committee and the members thereof will not be entitled to assert any fee claims for any services rendered to the Committee or expenses incurred in the service of the Committee after the Effective Date, except for reasonable fees for services rendered, and actual and necessary costs incurred, in connection with any applications for allowance of Professional Fees pending on the Effective Date or filed and served after the Effective Date pursuant to the Plan. Nothing in the Plan shall prohibit or limit the ability of the Debtor's or Committee's Professionals to represent either of the Trustees or to be compensated or reimbursed per the Plan and the Claimant Trust Agreement in connection with such representation.

## E. Exculpation, Injunction, and Related Provisions

#### 1. General

Notwithstanding anything contained in the Plan to the contrary, the allowance, classification and treatment of all Allowed Claims and Equity Interests and their respective distributions and treatments under the Plan shall take into account the relative priority and rights of the Claims and the Equity Interests in each Class in connection with any contractual, legal and equitable subordination rights relating thereto whether arising under general principles of equitable subordination, section 510 of the Bankruptcy Code, or otherwise.

For purposes of the following provisions:

- "Exculpated Parties" means, collectively, (i) the Debtor and its successors and assigns, direct and indirect majority-owned subsidiaries, and the Managed Funds, (ii) the Employees, (iii) Strand, (iv) the Independent Directors, (v) the Committee, (vi) the members of the Committee (in their official capacities), (vii) the Professionals retained by the Debtor and the Committee in the Chapter 11 Case, (viii) the CEO/CRO; and (ix) the Related Persons of each of the parties listed in (iv) through (viii); provided, however, that, for the avoidance of doubt, none of James Dondero, Mark Okada, NexPoint Advisors, L.P. (and any of its subsidiaries and managed entities), the Charitable Donor Advised Fund, L.P. (and any of its subsidiaries, including CLO Holdco, Ltd., and managed entities), Highland CLO Funding, Ltd. (and any of its subsidiaries, members, and managed entities), Highland Capital Management Fund Advisors, L.P. (and any of its subsidiaries and managed entities), NexBank, SSB (and any of its subsidiaries), the Hunter Mountain Investment Trust (or any trustee acting for the trust), the Dugaboy Investment Trust (or any trustee acting for the trust), or Grant Scott is included in the term "Exculpated Party."
- "Released Parties" means, collectively, (i) the Independent Directors; (ii) Strand (solely from the date of the appointment of the Independent Directors through the Effective Date); (iii) the CEO/CRO; (iv) the Committee; (v) the members of the Committee (in their official capacities), (vi) the Professionals retained by the Debtor and the Committee in the Chapter 11 Case; and (vii) the Employees.
- "Protected Parties" means, collectively, (i) the Debtor and its successors and assigns, direct and indirect majority-owned subsidiaries, and the Managed Funds, (ii) the Employees, (iii) Strand, (iv) the Reorganized Debtor, (v) the Independent Directors, (vi) the Committee, (vii) the members of the Committee (in their official capacities), (viii) the Claimant Trust, (ix) the Claimant Trustee, (x) the Litigation Sub-Trust, (xi) the Litigation Trustee, (xii) the members of the Claimant Trust Oversight Committee (in their official capacities), (xiii) New GP LLC, (xiv) the Professionals retained by the Debtor and the Committee in the Chapter 11 Case, (xv) the CEO/CRO; and (xvi) the Related Persons of each of the parties listed in (iv) through (xv); provided, however, that, for the avoidance of doubt, none of James Dondero, Mark Okada, NexPoint Advisors, L.P. (and any of its subsidiaries and managed entities), the Charitable Donor Advised Fund, L.P. (and any of its subsidiaries, including CLO

Holdco, Ltd., and managed entities), Highland CLO Funding, Ltd. (and any of its subsidiaries, members, and managed entities), NexBank, SSB (and any of its subsidiaries), Highland Capital Management Fund Advisors, L.P. (and any of its subsidiaries and managed entities), the Hunter Mountain Investment Trust (or any trustee acting for the trust), the Dugaboy Investment Trust (or any trustee acting for the trust), or Grant Scott is included in the term "Protected Party."

## 2. <u>Discharge of Claims</u>

To the fullest extent provided under section 1141(d)(1)(A) and other applicable provisions of the Bankruptcy Code, except as otherwise expressly provided by the Plan or the Confirmation Order, all consideration distributed under the Plan will be in exchange for, and in complete satisfaction, settlement, discharge, and release of, all Claims and Equity Interests of any kind or nature whatsoever against the Debtor or any of its Assets or properties, and regardless of whether any property will have been distributed or retained pursuant to the Plan on account of such Claims or Equity Interests. Except as otherwise expressly provided by the Plan or the Confirmation Order, upon the Effective Date, the Debtor and its Estate will be deemed discharged and released under and to the fullest extent provided under section 1141(d)(1)(A) and other applicable provisions of the Bankruptcy Code from any and all Claims and Equity Interests of any kind or nature whatsoever, including, but not limited to, demands and liabilities that arose before the Confirmation Date, and all debts of the kind specified in section 502(g), 502(h), or 502(i) of the Bankruptcy Code.

# 3. <u>Exculpation</u>

Subject in all respects to Article XII.D of the Plan, to the maximum extent permitted by applicable law, no Exculpated Party will have or incur, and each Exculpated Party is hereby exculpated from, any claim, obligation, suit, judgment, damage, demand, debt, right, Cause of Action, remedy, loss, and liability for conduct occurring on or after the Petition Date in connection with or arising out of (i) the filing and administration of the Chapter 11 Case; (ii) the negotiation and pursuit of the Disclosure Statement, the Plan, or the solicitation of votes for, or confirmation of, the Plan; (iii) the funding or consummation of the Plan (including the Plan Supplement) or any related agreements, instruments, or other documents, the solicitation of votes on the Plan, the offer, issuance, and Plan Distribution of any securities issued or to be issued pursuant to the Plan, including the Claimant Trust Interests, whether or not such Plan Distributions occur following the Effective Date; (iv) the implementation of the Plan; and (v) any negotiations, transactions, and documentation in connection with the foregoing clauses (i)-(v); provided, however, the foregoing will not apply to (a) any acts or omissions of an Exculpated Party arising out of or related to acts or omissions that constitute bad faith, fraud, gross negligence, criminal misconduct, or willful misconduct or (b) Strand or any Employee other than with respect to actions taken by such Entities from the date of appointment of the Independent Directors through the Effective Date. This exculpation shall be in addition to, and not in limitation of, all other releases, indemnities, exculpations, any other applicable law or rules, or any other provisions of the Plan, including Article IV.C.2 of the Plan, protecting such Exculpated Parties from liability.

## 4. Releases by the Debtor

On and after the Effective Date, each Released Party is deemed to be, hereby conclusively, absolutely, unconditionally, irrevocably, and forever released and discharged by the Debtor and the Estate, in each case on behalf of themselves and their respective successors, assigns, and representatives, including, but not limited to, the Claimant Trust and the Litigation Sub-Trust from any and all Causes of Action, including any derivative claims, asserted on behalf of the Debtor, whether known or unknown, foreseen or unforeseen, matured or unmatured, existing or hereafter arising, in law, equity, contract, tort or otherwise, that the Debtor or the Estate would have been legally entitled to assert in their own right (whether individually or collectively) or on behalf of the holder of any Claim against, or Interest in, a Debtor or other Person.

Notwithstanding anything contained herein to the contrary, the foregoing release does not release: (i) any obligations of any party under the Plan or any document, instrument, or agreement executed to implement the Plan, (ii) the rights or obligations of any current employee of the Debtor under any employment agreement or plan, (iii) the rights of the Debtor with respect to any confidentiality provisions or covenants restricting competition in favor of the Debtor under any employment agreement with a current or former employee of the Debtor, (iv) any Avoidance Actions, or (v) any Causes of Action arising from willful misconduct, criminal misconduct, actual fraud, or gross negligence of such applicable Released Party as determined by Final Order of the Bankruptcy Court or any other court of competent jurisdiction.

Notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, any release provided pursuant to Article IX.D of the Plan (i) with respect to a Senior Employee, is conditioned in all respects on (a) such Senior Employee executing a Senior Employee Stipulation on or prior to the Effective Date and (b) the reduction of such Senior Employee's Allowed Claim as set forth in the Senior Employee Stipulation (such amount, the "Reduced Employee Claim"), and (ii) with respect to any Employee, including a Senior Employee, shall be deemed null and void and of no force and effect (1) if there is more than one member of the Claimant Trust Oversight Committee who does not represent entities holding a Disputed or Allowed Claim (the "Independent Members"), the Claimant Trustee and the Independent Members by majority vote determine or (2) if there is only one Independent Member, the Independent Member after discussion with the Claimant Trustee, determines (in each case after discussing with the full Claimant Trust Oversight Committee) that such Employee (regardless of whether the Employee is then currently employed by the Debtor, the Reorganized Debtor, or the Claimant Trustee):

- sues, attempts to sue, or threatens or works with or assists any entity or person to sue, attempt to sue, or threaten the Reorganized Debtor, the Claimant Trust, the Litigation Sub-Trust, or any of their respective employees or agents, or any Released Party on or in connection with any claim or cause of action arising prior to the Effective Date,
- has taken any action that, impairs or harms the value of the Claimant Trust Assets or the Reorganized Debtor Assets, or
- (x) upon the request of the Claimant Trustee, has failed to provide reasonable assistance in good faith to the Claimant Trustee or the Reorganized Debtor with

respect to (1) the monetization of the Claimant Trust Assets or Reorganized Debtor Assets, as applicable, or (2) the resolution of Claims, or (y) has taken any action that impedes or frustrates the Claimant Trustee or the Reorganized Debtor with respect to any of the foregoing.

*Provided, however,* that the release provided pursuant to Article IX.D of the Plan will vest and the Employee will be indefeasibly released pursuant to Article IX.D of the Plan if such Employee's release has not been deemed null and void and of no force and effect on or prior to the date that is the date of dissolution of the Claimant Trust pursuant to the Claimant Trust Agreement.

By executing the Senior Employee Stipulation embodying this release, each Senior Employee acknowledges and agrees, without limitation, to the terms of this release and the tolling agreement contained in the Senior Employee Stipulation.

The provisions of this release and the execution of a Senior Employee Stipulation will not in any way prevent or limit any Employee from (i) prosecuting its Claims, if any, against the Debtor's Estate, (ii) defending him or herself against any claims or causes of action brought against the Employee by a third party, or (iii) assisting other persons in defending themselves from any Estate Claims brought by the Litigation Trustee (but only with respect to Estate Claims brought by the Litigation Trustee and not collection or other actions brought by the Claimant Trustee).

In addition to the obligations set forth in Article IX.D of the Plan, as additional consideration for the foregoing releases, the Senior Employees will waive their rights to certain deferred compensation owed to them by the Debtor. As of the date hereof, the total deferred compensation owed to the Senior Employees was approximately \$3.9 million, which will be reduced by approximately \$2.2 million to approximately \$1.7 million. That reduction is composed of a reduction of (i) approximately \$560,000 in the aggregate in order to qualify as Convenience Claims, (ii) approximately \$510,000 in the aggregate to reflect the Convenience Claims treatment of 85% (and may be lower depending on the number of Convenience Claims), and (iii) of approximately \$1.15 million in the aggregate to reflect an additional reduction of 40%.

As of the date of this Disclosure Statement, the Debtor has not identified any Causes of Action against any Released Parties. However, as set forth above, during the Chapter 11 Case, the Committee was granted sole standing to investigate and pursue the Estate Claims, which may include Causes of Action against certain of the Released Parties. As of the date of this Disclosure Statement, the Committee has not identified any Estate Claims against any Released Parties. The Debtor currently believes that there are no material Estate Claims or other Causes of Action against any Released Party.

## 5. Preservation of Rights of Action

Maintenance of Causes of Action

Except as otherwise provided in the Plan, after the Effective Date, the Reorganized Debtor or the Claimant Trust will retain all rights to commence, pursue, litigate or settle, as

appropriate, any and all Causes of Action included in the Reorganized Debtor Assets or Claimant Trust Assets, as applicable, whether existing as of the Petition Date or thereafter arising, in any court or other tribunal including, without limitation, in an adversary proceeding Filed in the Chapter 11 Case and, as the successors in interest to the Debtor and the Estate, may, and will have the exclusive right to, enforce, sue on, settle, compromise, transfer or assign (or decline to do any of the foregoing) any or all of the Causes of Action without notice to or approval from the Bankruptcy Court.

## Preservation of All Causes of Action Not Expressly Settled or Released

Unless a Cause of Action against a Holder of a Claim or an Equity Interest or other Entity is expressly waived, relinquished, released, compromised or settled in the Plan or any Final Order (including, without limitation, the Confirmation Order), such Cause of Action is expressly reserved for later adjudication by the Reorganized Debtor or Claimant Trust, as applicable (including, without limitation, Causes of Action not specifically identified or of which the Debtor may presently be unaware or that may arise or exist by reason of additional facts or circumstances unknown to the Debtor at this time or facts or circumstances that may change or be different from those the Debtor now believes to exist) and, therefore, no preclusion doctrine, including, without limitation, the doctrines of res judicata, collateral estoppel, issue preclusion, claim preclusion, waiver, estoppel (judicial, equitable or otherwise) or laches will apply to such Causes of Action as a consequence of the confirmation, effectiveness, or consummation of the Plan based on the Disclosure Statement, the Plan or the Confirmation Order, except where such Causes of Action have been expressly released in the Plan or any other Final Order (including, without limitation, the Confirmation Order). In addition, the right of the Reorganized Debtor or the Claimant Trust to pursue or adopt any claims alleged in any lawsuit in which the Debtor is a plaintiff, defendant or an interested party, against any Entity, including, without limitation, the plaintiffs or co-defendants in such lawsuits, is expressly reserved.

#### 6. <u>Injunction</u>

Upon entry of the Confirmation Order, all holders of Claims and Equity Interests and other parties in interest, along with their respective Related Persons, shall be enjoined from taking any actions to interfere with the implementation or consummation of the Plan.

Except as expressly provided in the Plan, the Confirmation Order, or a separate order of the Bankruptcy Court, all Entities who have held, hold, or may hold Claims against or Equity Interests in the Debtor (whether proof of such Claims or Equity Interests has been filed or not and whether or not such Entities vote in favor of, against or abstain from voting on the Plan or are presumed to have accepted or deemed to have rejected the Plan) and other parties in interest, along with their respective Related Persons, are permanently enjoined, on and after the Effective Date, with respect to such Claims and Equity Interests, from (i) commencing, conducting, or continuing in any manner, directly or indirectly, any suit, action, or other proceeding of any kind (including any proceeding in a judicial, arbitral, administrative or other forum) against or affecting the Debtor, the Independent Directors, the Reorganized Debtor, or the Claimant Trust or the property of any of the Debtor, the Independent Directors, the Reorganized Debtor, or the Claimant Trust, (ii) enforcing, levying, attaching (including any prejudgment attachment), collecting, or otherwise recovering by any manner or means, whether directly or indirectly, any

judgment, award, decree, or order against the Debtor, the Independent Directors, the Reorganized Debtor, or the Claimant Trust or the property of any of the Debtor, the Independent Directors, the Reorganized Debtor, or the Claimant Trust, (iii) creating, perfecting, or otherwise enforcing in any manner, directly or indirectly, any encumbrance of any kind against the Debtor, the Independent Directors, the Reorganized Debtor, or the Claimant Trust or the property of any of the Debtor, the Independent Directors, the Reorganized Debtor, or the Claimant Trust, (iv) asserting any right of setoff, directly or indirectly, against any obligation due from the Debtor, the Independent Directors, the Reorganized Debtor, or the Claimant Trust or against property or interests in property of any of the Debtor, the Independent Directors, the Reorganized Debtor, or the Claimant Trust; and (v) acting or proceeding in any manner, in any place whatsoever, that does not conform to or comply with the provisions of the Plan.

The injunctions set forth herein shall extend to any successors of the Debtor, the Reorganized Debtor, and the Claimant Trust and their respective property and interests in property.

Subject in all respects to Article XII. D of the Plan, no Entity may commence or pursue a claim or cause of action of any kind against any Protected Party that arose from or is related to the Chapter 11 Case, the negotiation of the Plan, the administration of the Plan or property to be distributed under the Plan, the wind down of the business of the Debtor or Reorganized Debtor, the administration of the Claimant Trust, or the transactions in furtherance of the foregoing without the Bankruptcy Court (i) first determining, after notice, that such claim or cause of action represents a colorable claim of bad faith, criminal misconduct, willful misconduct, fraud, or gross negligence against a Protected Party and (ii) specifically authorizing such Entity to bring such claim against any such Protected Party; provided, however, the foregoing will not apply to Strand or any Employee other than with respect to actions taken by such Entities from the date of appointment of the Independent Directors through the Effective Date. As set forth in Article XI of the Plan, the Bankruptcy Court will have sole jurisdiction to adjudicate any such claim for which approval of the Bankruptcy Court to commence or pursue has been granted.

## 7. Term of Injunctions or Stays

Unless otherwise provided in the Plan, the Confirmation Order, or in a Final Order of the Bankruptcy Court, all injunctions or stays arising under or entered during the Chapter 11 Case under section 105 or 362 of the Bankruptcy Code, or otherwise, and in existence on the Confirmation Date, shall remain in full force and effect until the later of the Effective Date and the date indicated in the order providing for such injunction or stay.

## 8. Continuance of January 9 Order

Unless otherwise provided in the Plan, the Confirmation Order, or in a Final Order of the Bankruptcy Court, the restrictions set forth in paragraphs 9 and 10 of the *Order Approving Settlement with Official Committee of Unsecured Creditors Regarding Governance of the Debtor and Procedures for Operations in the Ordinary Course*, entered by the Bankruptcy Court on

January 9, 2020 [D.I. 339] shall remain in full force and effect following the Effective Date until the dissolution of each of the Claimant Trust and the Litigation Trust.

#### F. Article XII.D of the Plan

Article XII.D of the Plan provides that, notwithstanding anything in the Plan to the contrary, nothing in the Plan will affect or otherwise limit or release any non-Debtor Entity's (including any Exculpated Party's) duties or obligations, including any contractual and indemnification obligations, to the Debtor, the Reorganized Debtor, or any other Entity whether arising under contract, statute, or otherwise.

## **G.** Binding Nature of Plan

On the Effective Date, and effective as of the Effective Date, the Plan, including, without limitation, the provisions in Article IX of the Plan, will bind, and will be deemed binding upon, all Holders of Claims against and Equity Interests in the Debtor and such Holder's respective successors and assigns, to the maximum extent permitted by applicable law, notwithstanding whether or not such Holder will receive or retain any property or interest in property under the Plan. All Claims and Debts shall be fixed and adjusted pursuant to the Plan. The Plan shall also bind any taxing authority, recorder of deeds, or similar official for any county, state, Governmental Unit or parish in which any instrument related to the Plan or related to any transaction contemplated thereby is to be recorded with respect to nay taxes of the kind specified in Bankruptcy Code section 1146(a)

## H. Statutory Requirements for Confirmation of the Plan

At the Confirmation Hearing, the Bankruptcy Court will determine whether the Plan satisfies the requirements of section 1129 of the Bankruptcy Code. The Debtor believes that: (i) the Plan satisfies or will satisfy all of the statutory requirements of chapter 11 of the Bankruptcy Code; (ii) the Debtor has complied or will have complied with all of the requirements of chapter 11 of the Bankruptcy Code; and (iii) the Plan has been proposed in good faith. Specifically, the Debtor believes that the Plan satisfies or will satisfy the applicable confirmation requirements of section 1129 of the Bankruptcy Code set forth below.

- The Plan complies with the applicable provisions of the Bankruptcy Code;
- The Debtor has complied and will comply with the applicable provisions of the Bankruptcy Code;
- The Plan has been proposed in good faith and not by any means forbidden by law;
- Any payment made or promised under the Plan for services or for costs and expenses in, or in connection with, the Debtor's bankruptcy case, or in connection with the Plan and incident to the case, has been or will be disclosed to the Bankruptcy Court, and any such payment: (i) made before the confirmation of the Plan is reasonable; or (ii) is subject to the

approval of the Bankruptcy Court as reasonable if it is to be fixed after confirmation of the Plan;

- Each Class of Claims or Equity Interests that is entitled to vote on the Plan will have accepted the Plan, or the Plan can be confirmed without the approval of such voting Class pursuant to section 1129(b) of the Bankruptcy Code;
- Except to the extent that the Holder of a particular Claim will agree to a different treatment of its Claim, the Plan provides that Administrative Expense Claims and Priority Claims will be paid in full in Cash on the Effective Date, or as soon thereafter as is reasonably practicable;
- Confirmation of the Plan will not likely be followed by the liquidation or the need for further financial reorganization of the Debtor or any successor thereto under the Plan;
- The Debtor has paid or will pay all fees payable under section 1930 of title 28, and the Plan provides for the payment of all such fees on the Effective Date; and
- The Plan provides for the continuation after the Effective Date of payment of all retiree benefits, if applicable.

## 1. <u>Best Interests of Creditors Test</u>

Often called the "best interests" test, section 1129(a)(7) of the Bankruptcy Code requires that the bankruptcy court find, as a condition to confirmation of a chapter 11 plan, that each holder of a claim or equity interest in each impaired class: (i) has accepted the plan; or (ii) among other things, will receive or retain under the plan property of a value, as of the effective date of the plan, that is not less than the amount that such Person would receive if the debtor were liquidated under chapter 7 of the Bankruptcy Code. To make these findings, the Bankruptcy Court must: (a) estimate the net Cash proceeds (the "Liquidation Proceeds") that a chapter 7 trustee would generate if the Debtor's Chapter 11 Case were converted to a chapter 7 case on the Effective Date and the assets of such Debtor's Estate were liquidated; (b) determine the distribution (the "Liquidation Distribution") that each non-accepting Holder of a Claim or Equity Interest would receive from the Liquidation Proceeds under the priority scheme dictated in chapter 7; and (c) compare each Holder's Liquidation Distribution to the distribution under the Plan that such Holder would receive if the Plan were confirmed and consummated.

#### 2. Liquidation Analysis

Any liquidation analysis, including the estimation of Liquidation Proceeds and Liquidation Distributions, with respect to the Debtor (the "<u>Liquidation Analysis</u>") is subject to numerous assumptions and there can be no guarantee that the Liquidation Analysis will be accurate. No order or finding has been entered by the Bankruptcy Court estimating or otherwise fixing the amount of Claims and Equity Interests at the projected amounts of Allowed Claims

and Equity Interests set forth in the Liquidation Analysis. In preparing the Liquidation Analysis, the Debtor has projected an amount of Allowed Claims and Equity Interests that represents its best estimate of the chapter 7 liquidation dividend to Holders of Allowed Claims and Equity Interests. The estimate of the amount of Allowed Claims and Equity Interests set forth in the Liquidation Analysis should not be relied on for any other purpose, including, without limitation, any determination of the value of any Plan Distribution to be made on account of Allowed Claims and Equity Interests under the Plan and Disclosure Statement.

The full Liquidation Analysis is attached hereto as **Exhibit C**.

Furthermore, any chapter 7 trustee appointed in a chapter 7 liquidation would have to confront all of the issues described in this Disclosure Statement, including the prepetition litigation claims. This process would be significantly time-consuming and costly, and reduce any recoveries available to the Debtor's Estate. The Debtor believes that liquidation under chapter 7 would result in (i) smaller distributions being made to creditors than those provided for in the Plan because of the additional administrative expenses involved in the appointment of a trustee and attorneys and other professionals to assist such trustee, (ii) additional expenses and claims, some of which would be entitled to priority, which would be generated during the liquidation and from the rejection of executory contracts in connection with the cessation of the Debtor's operations, and (iii) the failure to realize greater value from all of the Debtor's assets.

Therefore, the Debtor believes that confirmation of the Plan will provide each Holder of a Claim with a greater recovery than such Holder would receive pursuant to the liquidation of the Debtor under chapter 7 of the Bankruptcy Code.

## 3. <u>Feasibility</u>

Section 1129(a)(11) of the Bankruptcy Code requires that the bankruptcy court find that confirmation is not likely to be followed by the liquidation, or the need for further financial reorganization of the Debtor, or any successor to the Debtor, unless the plan contemplates such liquidation or reorganization. For purposes of demonstrating that the Plan meets this "feasibility" standard, the Debtor has analyzed the ability of the Claimant Trust and the Reorganized Debtor to meet their obligations under the Plan and to retain sufficient liquidity and capital resources to conduct their business. A copy of the financial projections prepared by the Debtor is attached hereto as **Exhibit C**.

The Debtor believes that the Plan meets the feasibility requirement set forth in section 1129(a)(11) of the Bankruptcy Code. In connection with the development of the Plan and for the purposes of determining whether the Plan satisfies this feasibility standard, the Debtor analyzed their ability to satisfy their financial obligations while maintaining sufficient liquidity and capital resources. The Debtor believes that its available Cash and any additional proceeds from the Debtor's Assets will be sufficient to allow the Debtor, the Reorganized Debtor, and the Claimant Trust, as applicable, to make all payments required to be made under the Plan. Accordingly, the Debtor believes that the Plan is feasible.

# 4. Valuation

In order to provide information and full disclosure to parties in interest regarding the Debtor's assets, the Debtor estimates that its value and the total value of its Assets, as of September 30, 2020, was approximately \$328.3 million.

## 5. Acceptance by Impaired Classes

The Bankruptcy Code requires, as a condition to confirmation, that, except as described in the following section, each class of claims or equity interests that is impaired under a plan, accepts the plan. A class that is not "impaired" under a plan is deemed to have accepted the plan and, therefore, solicitation of acceptances with respect to such class is not required. A class is "impaired" unless the plan: (i) leaves unaltered the legal, equitable, and contractual rights to which such claim or interest entitles the holder of such claim or interest; or (ii) notwithstanding any contractual provision or applicable law that entitles the holder of such claim or interest to demand or receive accelerated payment of such claim or interest after the occurrence of a default— (a) cures any such default that occurred before or after the commencement of the Chapter 11 Case, other than a default of a kind specified in section 365(b)(2) of the Bankruptcy Code or of a kind that section 365(b)(2) expressly does not require to be cured; (b) reinstates the maturity of such claim or interest as such maturity existed before such default; (c) compensates the holder of such claim or interest for any damages incurred as a result of any reasonable reliance by such holder on such contractual provision or such applicable law; (d) if such claim or such interest arises from any failure to perform a nonmonetary obligation, other than a default arising from failure to operate a nonresidential real property lease subject to section 365(b)(1)(A), compensates the holder of such claim or such interest (other than the debtor or an insider) for any actual pecuniary loss incurred by such holder as a result of such failure; and (e) does not otherwise alter the legal, equitable, or contractual rights to which such claim or interest entitles the holder of such claim or interest.

Section 1126(c) of the Bankruptcy Code defines acceptance of a plan by a class of impaired claims as acceptance by holders of at least two-thirds in dollar amount and more than one-half in number of claims in that class, but for that purpose counts only those who actually vote to accept or to reject the plan and are not insiders. Section 1126(d) of the Bankruptcy Code defines acceptance of a plan by a class of equity interests as acceptance by holders of at least two-thirds in amount of the allowed interests of such class. Thus, a class of claims will have voted to accept the plan only if two-thirds in amount and a majority in number actually voting cast their ballots in favor of acceptance. Section 1126(d) of the Bankruptcy Code, except as otherwise provided in section 1126(e) of the Bankruptcy Code, defines acceptance of a plan by a class of impaired equity interests as acceptance by holders of at least two-thirds in amount of equity interests in that class actually voting to accept or to reject the plan.

Pursuant to section 1129 of the Bankruptcy Code, the Holders of Claims or Equity Interests in any voting class must accept the Plan for the Plan to be confirmed without application of the "fair and equitable test" to such Class, and without considering whether the Plan "discriminates unfairly" with respect to such Class, as both standards are described herein.

### 6. Confirmation Without Acceptance by Impaired Classes

Section 1129(b) of the Bankruptcy Code allows a bankruptcy court to confirm a plan even if less than all impaired classes entitled to vote on the plan have accepted it, *provided* that the plan has been accepted by at least one impaired class of claims. Pursuant to section 1129(b) of the Bankruptcy Code, notwithstanding an impaired Class's rejection or deemed rejection of the Plan, the Plan will be confirmed, at the Debtor's request, in a procedure commonly known as "cram down," so long as the Plan does not "discriminate unfairly" and is "fair and equitable" with respect to each Class of Claims or Equity Interests that is impaired under, and has not accepted, the Plan.

### 7. No Unfair Discrimination

This test applies to classes of claims or equity interests that are of equal priority and are receiving different treatment under the Plan. The test does not require that the treatment be the same or equivalent, but that such treatment be "fair." In general, bankruptcy courts consider whether a plan discriminates unfairly in its treatment of classes of claims of equal rank (e.g., classes of the same legal character). Bankruptcy courts will take into account a number of factors in determining whether a plan discriminates unfairly and, accordingly, a plan could treat two classes of unsecured creditors differently without unfairly discriminating against either class.

### 8. Fair and Equitable Test

This test applies to classes of different priority and status (e.g., secured versus unsecured) and includes the general requirement that no class of claims receive more than 100% of the amount of the allowed claims in such class. As to the dissenting class, the test sets different standards depending on the type of claims or equity interests in such class:

The condition that a plan be "fair and equitable" to a non-accepting Class of Secured Claims includes the requirements that: (a) the Holders of such Secured Claims retain the liens securing such Claims to the extent of the Allowed amount of the Claims, whether the property subject to the liens is retained by the debtor or transferred to another entity under the Plan; and (b) each Holder of a Secured Claim in the Class receives deferred Cash payments totaling at least the Allowed amount of such Claim with a present value, as of the Effective Date of the Plan, at least equivalent to the value of the secured claimant's interest in the debtor's property subject to the liens.

The condition that a plan be "fair and equitable" with respect to a non-accepting Class of unsecured Claims includes the requirement that either: (a) the plan provides that each Holder of a Claim of such Class receive or retain on account of such Claim property of a value, as of the Effective Date of the plan, equal to the allowed amount of such Claim; or (b) the Holder of any Claim or Equity Interest that is junior to the Claims of such Class will not receive or retain under the plan on account of such junior Claim or Equity Interest any property.

The condition that a plan be "fair and equitable" to a non accepting Class of Equity Interests includes the requirements that either: (a) the plan provides that each Holder of an Equity Interest in that Class receives or retains under the plan, on account of that Equity Interest, property of a value, as of the Effective Date of the plan, equal to the greater of (i) the allowed

amount of any fixed liquidation preference to which such Holder is entitled, (ii) any fixed redemption price to which such Holder is entitled, or (iii) the value of such interest; or (b) if the Class does not receive such an amount as required under (a), no Class of Equity Interests junior to the non-accepting Class may receive a distribution under the plan.

To the extent that any class of Claims or Class of Equity Interests rejects the Plan, the Debtor reserves the right to seek (a) confirmation of the Plan under section 1129(b) of the Bankruptcy Code and/or (b) modify the Plan in accordance with Article XIII.C of the Plan.

The Debtor believes that the Plan and the treatment of all Classes of Claims and Equity Interests under the Plan satisfy the foregoing requirements for non-consensual confirmation of the Plan.

### ARTICLE IV. RISK FACTORS

ALL HOLDERS OF CLAIMS AND EQUITY INTERESTS SHOULD READ AND CONSIDER CAREFULLY THE RISK FACTORS SET FORTH HEREIN, AS WELL AS ALL OTHER INFORMATION SET FORTH OR OTHERWISE REFERENCED IN THIS DISCLOSURE STATEMENT. THESE FACTORS SHOULD NOT BE REGARDED AS CONSTITUTING THE ONLY RISKS PRESENT IN CONNECTION WITH THE DEBTOR'S BUSINESS OR THE PLAN AND ITS IMPLEMENTATION.

### A. Certain Bankruptcy Law and Other Considerations

1. Parties in Interest May Object to the Debtor's Classification of Claims and Equity Interests, or Designation as Unimpaired.

Section 1122 of the Bankruptcy Code provides that a plan may place a claim or an equity interest in a particular class only if such claim or equity interest is substantially similar to the other claims or equity interests in such class. The Debtor believes that the classification of Claims and Equity Interests under the Plan complies with the requirements set forth in the Bankruptcy Code because the Debtor created Classes of Claims and Equity Interests, each encompassing Claims or Equity Interests, as applicable, that are substantially similar to the other Claims and Equity Interests in each such Class. Nevertheless, there can be no assurance that the Holders of Claims or Equity Interests or the Bankruptcy Court will reach the same conclusion.

There is also a risk that the Holders of Claims or Equity Interests could object to the Debtor's designation of Claims or Equity Interests as Unimpaired, and the Bankruptcy Court could reach the same conclusion.

### 2. The Debtor May Not Be Able to Secure Confirmation of the Plan.

Section 1129 of the Bankruptcy Code sets forth the requirements for confirmation of a chapter 11 plan and requires, among other things, findings by the bankruptcy court that: (i) such plan "does not unfairly discriminate" and is "fair and equitable" with respect to any non-accepting classes; (ii) confirmation of such plan is not likely to be followed by a liquidation or a

need for further financial reorganization unless such liquidation or reorganization is contemplated by the plan; and (c) the value of distributions to Holders of Claims within a particular class under such plan will not be less than the value of distributions such holders would receive if the debtor was liquidated under chapter 7 of the Bankruptcy Code.

There can be no assurance that the Bankruptcy Court will confirm the Plan. The Bankruptcy Court could decline to confirm the Plan if it found that any of the statutory requirements for confirmation had not been met.

If the Plan is not confirmed by the Bankruptcy Court, there can be no assurance that any alternative plan of reorganization or liquidation would be on terms as favorable to Holders of Claims as the terms of the Plan. In addition, there can be no assurance that the Debtor will be able to successfully develop, prosecute, confirm and consummate an alternative plan that is acceptable to the Bankruptcy Court and the Debtor's creditors.

### 3. The Conditions Precedent to the Effective Date of the Plan May Not Occur.

As more fully set forth in Article IX of the Plan, the Effective Date of the Plan is subject to a number of conditions precedent. If such conditions precedent are not waived or not met, the Effective Date will not take place.

### 4. <u>Continued Risk Following Effectiveness.</u>

Even if the Effective Date of the Plan occurs, the Debtor, the Reorganized Debtor, and Claimant Trust will continue to face a number of risks, including certain risks that are beyond its control, such as changes in assets, asset values, and increasing expenses. Some of these concerns and effects typically become more acute when a case under the Bankruptcy Code continues for a protracted period without indication of how or when the case may be completed. As a result of these risks and others, there is no guarantee that a chapter 11 plan of liquidation reflecting the Plan will achieve the Debtor's stated goals.

In addition, at the outset of the Chapter 11 Case, the Bankruptcy Code provides the Debtor with the exclusive right to propose the Plan and prohibits creditors and others from proposing a plan. The Debtor will have retained the exclusive right to propose the Plan upon filing its petition. If the Bankruptcy Court terminates that right, however, or the exclusivity period expires, there could be a material adverse effect on the Debtor's ability to achieve confirmation of the Plan in order to achieve the Debtor's stated goals.

### 5. The Effective Date May Not Occur.

Although the Debtor believes that the Effective Date may occur quickly after the Confirmation Date, there can be no assurance as to such timing or as to whether the Effective Date will, in fact, occur.

# 6. <u>The Chapter 11 Case May Be Converted to Cases Under Chapter 7 of the Bankruptcy Code</u>

If the Bankruptcy Court finds that it would be in the best interest of creditors and/or the debtor in a chapter 11 case, the Bankruptcy Court may convert a chapter 11 bankruptcy case to a case under chapter 7 of the Bankruptcy Code. In such event, a chapter 7 trustee would be appointed or elected to liquidate the debtor's assets for distribution in accordance with the priorities established by the Bankruptcy Code. The Debtor believes that liquidation under chapter 7 would result in significantly smaller distributions being made to creditors than those provided for in the Plan because of (a) the likelihood that the assets would have to be sold or otherwise disposed of in a disorderly fashion over a short period of time, rather than selling the assets in an orderly and controlled manner, (b) additional administrative expenses involved in the appointment of a chapter 7 trustee, and (c) additional expenses and Claims, some of which would be entitled to priority, that would be generated during the liquidation.

### 7. <u>Claims Estimation</u>

There can be no assurance that the estimated Claim amounts set forth herein are correct, and the actual amount of Allowed Claims may differ from the estimates. The estimated amounts are subject to certain risks, uncertainties, and assumptions. Should one or more of these risks or uncertainties materialize, or should underlying assumptions prove incorrect, the actual amount of Allowed Claims may vary from those estimated herein.

8. The Financial Information Contained Herein is Based on the Debtor's Books and Records and, Unless Otherwise Stated, No Audit was Performed.

The financial information contained in this Disclosure Statement has not been audited. In preparing this Disclosure Statement, the Debtor relied on financial data derived from their books and records that was available at the time of such preparation. Although the Debtor has used its reasonable business judgment to ensure the accuracy of the financial information provided in this Disclosure Statement and, while the Debtor believes that such financial information fairly reflects its financial condition, the Debtor is unable to warrant or represent that the financial information contained herein and attached hereto is without inaccuracies.

### B. Risks Related to Recoveries under the Plan

1. <u>The Reorganized Debtor and/or Claimant Trust May Not Be Able to Achieve the Debtor's Projected Financial Results</u>

The Reorganized Debtor or Claimant Trust, as applicable, may not be able to achieve their projected financial results. The Financial Projections represent the best estimate of the Debtor's future financial performance, which is necessarily based on certain assumptions regarding the anticipated future performance of the Reorganized Debtor or Claimant Trust, as well as the United States and world economies in general, and the investment industry in which the Debtor operates. The Debtor's Financial Projections include key assumptions on (i) target asset monetization values, (ii) timing of asset monetization, and (iii) costs to effectuate the Plan. In terms of achieving target asset monetization values, the Debtor faces issues including investment assets with cross-ownership across related entities and challenges associated with

collecting notes due from affiliates. The Debtor's Financial Projections anticipate that all investment assets will be sold by 2022, which may be at risk due to the semi-liquid or illiquid nature of the Debtor's assets, as well as general market conditions, including the sustained impact of COVID-19. Costs are based on estimates and may increase with delays or any other unforeseen factor. If the Reorganized Debtor or Claimant Trust do not achieve their projected financial results, the recovery for Claimant Trust Beneficiaries may be negatively affected and the Claimant Trust may lack sufficient liquidity after the Effective Date.

### 2. Claim Contingencies Could Affect Creditor Recoveries

The estimated Claims and projected creditor recoveries set forth in this Disclosure Statement are based on various assumptions the actual amount of Allowed Claims may differ from the estimates. Should one or more of the underlying assumptions ultimately prove incorrect, the actual Allowed amounts of Claims may vary materially from the estimated Claims contained in this Disclosure Statement. Moreover, the Debtor cannot determine with any certainty at this time, the number or amount of Claims that will ultimately be Allowed. Such differences may materially and adversely affect, among other things, the percentage recoveries to Holders of Allowed Claims under the Plan.

# 3. <u>If Approved, the Debtor Release Could Release Claims Against Potential Defendants of Estate Causes of Action With Respect to Which the Claimant Trust Would Otherwise Have Recourse</u>

The Claimant Trust Assets will include, among other things, Causes of Action, including Estate Claims that will be assigned to the Litigation Sub-Trust. The Committee's investigation of potential Estate Claims is still ongoing. Because the Committee has not concluded its investigation as of the date hereof, and such investigation will be transferred to the Litigation Trustee, there is no certainty of whether there are viable Estate Claims against any of the Released Parties. In the event there are viable Estate Claims against any of the Released Parties, such claims cannot be pursued for the ultimate benefit of Claimant Trust Beneficiaries if the Debtor Release is approved.

#### C. Investment Risk Disclaimer

### 1. Investment Risks in General.

The Reorganized Debtor is and will remain a registered investment adviser under the Investment Advisers Act of 1940, and the Reorganized Debtor will continue advising the Managed Funds. No guarantee or representation is made that the Reorganized Debtor's or the Managed Funds' investment strategy will be successful, and investment results may vary substantially over time.

### 2. General Economic and Market Conditions and Issuer Risk.

Any investment in securities carries certain market risks. Investments by the Reorganized Debtor, the Managed Funds, or the Claimant Trust may decline in value for any number of reasons over which none of the Managed Funds, the Reorganized Debtor, the Claimant Trust, or the Claimant Trustee may have control, including changes in the overall

market and other general economic and market conditions, such as interest rates, availability of credit, inflation rates, economic uncertainty, changes in laws, currency exchange rates and controls and national, international political circumstances (including wars and security operations), and acts of God (including pandemics like COVID-19). The value of the Managed Funds or the assets held by the Reorganized Debtor or Claimant Trust may also decline as a result of factors pertaining to particular securities held by the Managed Funds, Reorganized Debtor, or Claimant Trust, as applicable, such as perception or changes in the issuer's management, the market for the issuer's products or services, sources of supply, technological changes within the issuer's industry, the availability of additional capital and labor, general economic conditions, political conditions, acts of God, and other similar conditions. All of these factors may affect the level and volatility of security prices and the liquidity and the value of the securities held by the Managed Fund, Reorganized Debtor, or Claimant Trust. Unexpected volatility or illiquidity could impair the Managed Funds', Reorganized Debtor's, or Claimant Trust's profitability or result in it suffering losses.

#### D. Disclosure Statement Disclaimer

### 1. The Information Contained Herein is for Disclosure Purposes Only.

The information contained in this Disclosure Statement is for purposes of disclosure in connection with the Plan and may not be relied upon for any other purposes.

### 2. This Disclosure Statement was Not Approved by the SEC.

Neither the SEC nor any state regulatory authority has passed upon the accuracy or adequacy of this Disclosure Statement, or the exhibits or the statements contained herein, and any representation to the contrary is unlawful.

### 3. This Disclosure Statement Contains Forward-Looking Statements.

This Disclosure Statement contains "forward-looking statements" within the meaning of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. Such statements consist of any statement other than a recitation of historical fact and can be identified by the use of forward looking terminology such as "may," "expect," "anticipate," "estimate" or "continue" or the negative thereof or other variations thereon or comparable terminology. The reader is cautioned that all forward-looking statements are necessarily speculative and there are certain risks and uncertainties that could cause actual events or results to differ materially from those referred to in such forward-looking statements.

### 4. No Legal or Tax Advice is Provided to You by This Disclosure Statement.

This Disclosure Statement is not legal or tax advice to you. The contents of this Disclosure Statement should not be construed as legal, business or tax advice, and are not personal to any person or entity. Each Holder of a Claim or an Equity Interest should consult his or her own legal counsel and accountant with regard to any legal, tax and other matters concerning his or her Claim or Equity Interest. This Disclosure Statement may not be relied upon for any purpose other than as a disclosure of certain information to determine how to vote on the Plan or object to confirmation of the Plan.

### 5. No Admissions Are Made by This Disclosure Statement.

The information and statements contained in this Disclosure Statement will neither (i) constitute an admission of any fact or liability by any Entity (including, without limitation, the Debtor) nor (ii) be deemed evidence of the tax or other legal effects of the Plan on the Debtor, the Reorganized Debtor, the Claimant Trust, Holders of Allowed Claims or Equity Interests, or any other parties in interest.

### 6. No Reliance Should Be Placed on Any Failure to Identify Litigation Claims or Projected Objections.

No reliance should be placed on the fact that a particular litigation claim or projected objection to a particular Claim or Equity Interest is, or is not, identified in this Disclosure Statement. The Debtor or the Reorganized Debtor or Claimant Trustee, as applicable, may seek to investigate, file and prosecute litigation rights and claims against any third parties and may object to Claims after the Confirmation Date or Effective Date of the Plan irrespective of whether the Disclosure Statement identifies such litigation claims or objections to Claims or Equity Interests.

### 7. <u>Nothing Herein Constitutes a Waiver of Any Right to Object to Claims or Equity</u> Interests or Recover Transfers and Assets.

The Debtor, the Reorganized Debtor, the Claimant Trustee, or any party in interest, as the case may be, reserve any and all rights to object to that Holder's Allowed Claim regardless of whether any Claims or Causes of Action of the Debtor or its Estate are specifically or generally identified herein.

# 8. <u>The Information Used Herein was Provided by the Debtor and was Relied Upon by the Debtor's Advisors.</u>

Counsel to and other advisors retained by the Debtor have relied upon information provided by the Debtor in connection with the preparation of this Disclosure Statement. Although counsel to and other advisors retained by the Debtor have performed certain limited due diligence in connection with the preparation of this Disclosure Statement, they have not verified independently the information contained herein.

### 9. The Disclosure Statement May Contain Inaccuracies.

The statements contained in this Disclosure Statement are made by the Debtor as of the date hereof, unless otherwise specified herein, and the delivery of this Disclosure Statement after that date does not imply that there has not been a change in the information set forth herein since that date. While the Debtor has used its reasonable business judgment to ensure the accuracy of all of the information provided in this Disclosure Statement and in the Plan, the Debtor nonetheless cannot, and does not, confirm the current accuracy of all statements appearing in this Disclosure Statement. Further, the information contained in this Disclosure Statement is as of the date of the Disclosure Statement and does not address events that may occur after such date. The Debtor may update this Disclosure Statement but is not required to do so.

### 10. No Representations Made Outside the Disclosure Statement Are Authorized.

No representations concerning or relating to the Debtor, the Chapter 11 Case, or the Plan are authorized by the Bankruptcy Court or the Bankruptcy Code, other than as set forth in this Disclosure Statement. You should promptly report unauthorized representations or inducements to the counsel to the Debtor and the U.S. Trustee.

# ARTICLE V. ALTERNATIVES TO CONFIRMATION AND EFFECTIVENESS OF THE PLAN

If no chapter 11 plan can be confirmed, the Chapter 11 Case may be converted to a case under chapter 7 of the Bankruptcy Code in which case, a trustee would be elected or appointed to liquidate the Debtor's assets. If the Plan is not confirmed by the Bankruptcy Court, there can be no assurance that any alternative plan of reorganization or liquidation would be on terms as favorable to Holders of Claims as the terms of the Plan. In addition, there can be no assurance that the Debtor will be able to successfully develop, prosecute, confirm and consummate an alternative plan that is acceptable to the Bankruptcy Court and the Debtor's creditors.

## ARTICLE VI. U.S. FEDERAL INCOME TAX CONSEQUENCES OF THE PLAN

Implementation of the Plan will have federal, state, local or foreign tax consequences to the Debtor and Holders of Equity Interests as well as Holders of Claims. No tax opinion or ruling has been sought or will be obtained with respect to any tax consequences of the Plan, and the following discussion does not constitute and is not intended to constitute either a tax opinion or tax advice to any person.

The following discussion summarizes certain U.S. federal income tax consequences of the Plan to the Debtor and to Holders of Claims. This discussion assumes that each Holder of Claims is for United States federal income tax purposes:

- An individual who is a citizen or resident of the United States for federal income tax purposes;
- a corporation (or other entity treated as a corporation for United States federal income tax purposes) created or organized in or under the laws of the United States, any state thereof or the District of Columbia;
- any other person that is subject to U.S. federal income taxation on a net income basis.
- an estate the income of which is subject to United States federal income tax without regard to its source; or
- a trust (1) that is subject to the primary supervision of a United States court and the control of one or more United States persons or (2) that has a valid election in effect under applicable treasury regulations to be treated as a United States person.

This discussion also assumes that each Holder holds the Claims as capital assets under Section 1221 of the Internal Revenue Code.

The summary provides general information only and does not purport to address all of the federal income tax consequences that may be applicable to the Debtor or to any particular Holder of Claims in light of such Holder's own individual circumstances. In particular, the summary does not address the federal income tax consequences of the Plan to Holders of Claims that may be subject to special rules, such as non-U.S. persons, insurance companies, financial institutions, regulated investment companies, broker-dealers, persons who acquired Claims as part of a straddle, hedge, conversion transaction or other integrated transaction, or persons who acquired Claims in connection with the performance of services; persons who hold Claims through a partnership or other pass-through entity and tax-exempt organizations. The summary does not address foreign, state, local, estate or gift tax consequences of the Plan, nor does it address the federal income tax consequences to Holders of Equity Interests.

This summary is based on the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the "Internal Revenue Code"), the final, temporary and proposed Treasury regulations promulgated thereunder, judicial decisions and administrative rulings and pronouncements of the Internal Revenue Service ("IRS"), all as in effect on the date hereof and all of which are subject to change (possibly with retroactive effect) by legislation, judicial decision or administrative action. Moreover, due to a lack of definitive authority, substantial uncertainties exist with respect to various tax consequences of the Plan.

THE TAX CONSEQUENCES TO THE HOLDERS OF CLAIMS OR EQUITY INTERESTS MAY VARY BASED UPON THE INDIVIDUAL CIRCUMSTANCES OF EACH HOLDER. MOREOVER, THE TAX CONSEQUENCES OF CERTAIN ASPECTS OF THE PLAN ARE UNCERTAIN DUE TO THE LACK OF APPLICABLE LEGAL PRECEDENT AND THE POSSIBILITY OF CHANGES IN THE APPLICABLE TAX LAW. THERE CAN BE NO ASSURANCE THAT THE IRS WILL NOT CHALLENGE ANY OF THE TAX CONSEQUENCES DESCRIBED HEREIN, OR THAT SUCH A CHALLENGE, IF ASSERTED, WOULD NOT BE SUSTAINED. ACCORDINGLY, EACH HOLDER OF A CLAIM OR EQUITY INTEREST SHOULD CONSULT WITH ITS OWN TAX ADVISOR REGARDING THE FOREIGN, FEDERAL, STATE AND LOCAL TAX CONSEQUENCES OF THE PLAN.

### A. Consequences to the Debtor

It is anticipated that the consummation of the Plan will not result in any federal income tax liability to the Debtor. The Debtor is a partnership for federal income tax purposes. Therefore, the income and loss of the Debtor is passed-through to the Holders of its Equity Interests, and the Debtor does not pay federal income tax.

### 1. Cancellation of Debt

Generally, the discharge of a debt obligation of a debtor for an amount less than the adjusted issue price (in most cases, the amount the debtor received on incurring the obligation, with certain adjustments) creates cancellation of indebtedness ("COD") income that must be included in the debtor's income. Due to the nature of the Impaired Claims, it is anticipated that

the Debtor will not recognize any material amount of COD income. If any such COD income is recognized, it will be passed-through to the Holders of its Equity Interests, and the Holders of such Equity Interest generally will be required to include such amounts in income, unless a Holder is entitled to exclude such amounts from income under Section 108 of the Internal Revenue Code, based on the Holder's individual circumstances.

### 2. Transfer of Assets

Pursuant to the Plan, the Debtor's assets (including the Claimant Trust Assets and Reorganized Debtor Assets) will be transferred directly or indirectly to the Claimant Trust. For federal income tax purposes, any such assets transferred to the Claimant Trust will be deemed to have been transferred to the Claimant Trust Beneficiaries followed by the transfer by such Holders to the Claimant Trust of such assets in exchange for the respective Holders' beneficial interests in the Claimant Trust. The Claimant Trust thereafter will be treated as a grantor trust for federal income tax purposes. See U.S. Federal Income Tax Treatment of the Claimant Trust, below.

The Debtor's transfer of its assets pursuant to the Plan will constitute a taxable disposition of such assets. As discussed above, the Debtor is a partnership for federal income tax purposes. Any gain or loss recognized as a result of the taxable disposition of such assets will be passed through to the Holders of Equity Interests in the Debtor. The Debtor will not be required to pay any tax as a result of such disposition.

### B. U.S. Federal Income Tax Treatment of the Claimant Trust

It is intended that the Claimant Trust will be treated as a "grantor trust" for U.S. federal income tax purposes. In general, a grantor trust is not a separate taxable entity. The IRS, in Revenue Procedure 94-45, 1994-2 C.B. 684, set forth the general criteria for obtaining an advanced ruling as to the grantor trust status of a liquidating trust under a chapter 11 plan. Consistent with the requirements of Revenue Procedure 94-45, the Claimant Trust Agreement requires all relevant parties to treat, for U.S. federal income tax purposes, the transfer of the Debtor's assets to the Claimant Trust as (i) a transfer of such assets to the Claimant Trust Beneficiaries (to the extent of the value of their respective interests in the applicable Claimant Trust (to the extent of the value of their respective interests in the applicable Claimant Trust Assets), with the beneficiaries being treated as the grantors and owners of the Claimant Trust.

The Plan and the Claimant Trust Agreement generally provide that the Claimant Trust Beneficiaries must value the assets of the Claimant Trust consistently with the values determined by the Claimant Trustee for all U.S. federal income tax purposes. As soon as possible after the Effective Date, the Claimant Trustee, based upon his good faith determination after consultation with his counsel and other advisors, shall inform the beneficiaries in writing as to his estimate of the value of the assets transferred to the Claimant Trust and the value of such assets allocable to each Class of beneficiaries.

Consistent with the treatment of the Claimant Trust as a grantor trust, the Claimant Trust Agreement will require each beneficiary to report on its U.S. federal income tax return its allocable share of the Claimant Trust's income, gain, loss or deduction that reflects the

beneficiary's interest in the interim and final distributions to be made by the Claimant Trust. Furthermore, certain of the assets of the Claimant Trust will be interests in the Reorganized Debtor, which will be a partnership for U.S. federal income tax purposes. The income, gain, loss or deduction of the Reorganized Debtor will also flow through the Claimant Trust to the beneficiaries of the Claimant Trust. Therefore, a beneficiary may incur a federal income tax liability with respect to its allocable share of the income of the Claimant Trust (including the income of the Reorganized Debtor) whether or not the Claimant Trust has made any distributions to such beneficiary. The character of items of income, gain, deduction, and credit to any beneficiary and the ability of such beneficiary to benefit from any deduction or losses will depend on the particular situation of such beneficiary. The interests of the beneficiaries may shift from time to time as the result of the allowance or disallowance of claims that have not been allowed at the Effective Date, which could give rise to tax consequences both to the Holders of claims that have, and have not been, allowed at the Effective Date. The Claimant Trustee will file with the IRS tax returns for the Claimant Trust as a grantor trust pursuant to Treasury Regulation Section 1.671-4(a) and will also send to each beneficiary a separate statement setting forth such beneficiary's share of items of Trust income, gain, loss, deduction, or credit. Each beneficiary will be required to report such items on its U.S. federal income tax return. Holders are urged to consult their tax advisors regarding the appropriate federal income tax treatment of distributions from the Claimant Trust.

The discussion above assumes that the Claimant Trust will be respected as a grantor trust for U.S. federal income tax purposes. If the IRS were to challenge successfully such classification, the U.S. federal income tax consequences to the Claimant Trust and the beneficiaries could differ materially from those discussed herein (including the potential for an entity level tax to be imposed on all income of the Claimant Trust).

### C. Consequences to Holders of Allowed Claims

### 1. Recognized Gain or Loss

In general, each Holder of an Allowed Claim will recognize gain or loss in an amount equal to the difference between (i) the "amount realized" by such Holder in satisfaction of its Claim (other than any Claim for accrued but unpaid interest) and (ii) such holder's adjusted tax basis in such Claim (other than any Claim for accrued but unpaid interest). In general, the "amount realized" by a Holder will equal the sum of any cash and the aggregate fair market value of any property received by such Holder pursuant to the Plan (for example, such Holder's undivided beneficial interest in the assets of the Claimant Trust). A Holder that receives or is deemed to receive for U.S. federal income tax purposes a non-cash asset under the Plan in respect of its Claim should generally have a tax basis in such asset in an amount equal to the fair market value of such asset on the date of its receipt or deemed receipt. See U.S. Federal Income Tax Treatment of the Claimant Trust, above for more information regarding the tax treatment of the Claimant Trust Interests.

Where gain or loss is recognized by a Holder, the character of such gain or loss as long-term or short-term capital gain or loss or as ordinary income or loss will be determined by a number of factors, including the tax status of the Holder, whether the claim constitutes a capital asset in the hands of the Holder and how long it has been held, whether the claim was acquired at

a market discount, and whether and to what extent the Holder had previously claimed a bad debt deduction.

A Holder who, under the Plan, receives in respect of an Allowed Claim an amount less than the Holder's tax basis in the Allowed Claim may be entitled to a deduction for U.S. federal income tax purposes. The rules governing the character, timing and amount of such a deduction place considerable emphasis on the facts and circumstances of the Holder, the obligor and the instrument with respect to which a deduction is claimed. Holders of Allowed Claims, therefore, are urged to consult their tax advisors with respect to their ability to take such a deduction.

### 2. <u>Distribution in Discharge of Accrued Unpaid Interest</u>

Pursuant to the Plan, a distribution received in respect of Allowed Claims will be allocated first to the principal amount of such Claims, with any excess allocated to unpaid accrued interest. However, there is no assurance that the IRS would respect such allocation for federal income tax purposes. In general, to the extent that an amount received (whether cash or other property) by a Holder of a claim is received in satisfaction of interest that accrued during its holding period, such amount will be taxable to the Holder as interest income if not previously included in the Holder's gross income. Conversely, a Holder generally recognizes a deductible loss to the extent that it does not receive payment of interest that has previously been included in its income. Holders of Claims are urged to consult their tax advisors regarding the allocation of consideration and the deductibility of unpaid interest for tax purposes.

### 3. <u>Information Reporting and Withholding</u>

All distributions to Holders of Allowed Claims under the Plan are subject to any applicable withholding tax requirements. Under federal income tax law, interest, dividends, and other reportable payments, may, under certain circumstances, be subject to "backup withholding" (currently at a rate of up to 24%). Backup withholding generally applies if the Holder (a) fails to furnish its social security number or other taxpayer identification number ("TIN"), (b) furnishes an incorrect TIN, (c) fails properly to report interest or dividends, or (d) under certain circumstances, fails to provide a certified statement, signed under penalty of perjury, that the TIN provided is its correct number and that it is not subject to backup withholding. Backup withholding is not an additional tax but merely an advance payment, which may be refunded to the extent it results in an overpayment of tax. Certain persons are exempt from backup withholding, including, in certain circumstances, corporations and financial institutions.

### D. Treatment of the Disputed Claims Reserve

Pursuant to the Plan, the Claimant Trustee may file an election pursuant to Treasury Regulation 1.468B-9(c) to treat the Disputed Claims Reserve as a disputed ownership fund, in which case the Claimant Trustee will file federal income tax returns and pay taxes for the Disputed Claims Reserve as a separate taxable entity. Such taxes will be paid out of the Disputed Claims Reserve and therefore may reduce amounts paid to Holders of Allowed Claims from the Claimant Trust. If the Claimant Trustee does not make such an election to treat the Disputed Claims Reserve as a separate taxable entity, the net income, if any, earned in the Disputed Claims Reserve will be taxable to the Holders of Allowed Claims in accordance with

the principles discussed above under the heading "U.S. Federal Income Tax Treatment of the Claimant Trust", possibly in advance of any distributions to the Holders.

AS INDICATED ABOVE, THE FOREGOING IS INTENDED TO BE A SUMMARY ONLY AND NOT A SUBSTITUTE FOR CAREFUL TAX PLANNING WITH A TAX PROFESSIONAL. THE TAX CONSEQUENCES OF THE PLAN ARE COMPLEX AND, IN SOME CASES, UNCERTAIN. ACCORDINGLY, EACH HOLDER OF A CLAIM OR EQUITY INTEREST IS STRONGLY URGED TO CONSULT WITH HIS OWN TAX ADVISOR REGARDING THE TAX CONSEQUENCES OF THE PLAN.

### ARTICLE VII. RECOMMENDATION

In the opinion of the Debtor, the Plan is preferable to the alternatives described in this Disclosure Statement because it provides for the highest distribution to the Debtor's creditors and interest holders. In addition, any alternative other than confirmation of the Plan could result in extensive delays and increased administrative expenses resulting in smaller distributions to Holders of Allowed Claims and Equity Interests than that which is proposed under the Plan. Accordingly, the Debtor recommends that all Holders of Claims and Equity Interests support confirmation of the Plan.

Dated: November 24, 2020

Respectfully submitted,

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### **EXHIBIT A**

### PLAN OF REORGANIZATION

### IN THE UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS DALLAS DIVISION

In re:	) Chapter 11
HIGHLAND CAPITAL MANAGEMENT, L.P., <sup>1</sup>	) Case No. 19-34054-sgj11
Debtor.	)
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### FIFTH AMENDED PLAN OF REORGANIZATION OF HIGHLAND CAPITAL MANAGEMENT, L.P.

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### **DEBTOR'S CHAPTER 11 PLAN OF REORGANIZATION**

HIGHLAND CAPITAL MANAGEMENT, L.P., as debtor and debtor-in-possession in the above-captioned case (the "<u>Debtor</u>"), proposes the following chapter 11 plan of reorganization (the "<u>Plan</u>") for, among other things, the resolution of the outstanding Claims against, and Equity Interests in, the Debtor. Unless otherwise noted, capitalized terms used in this Plan have the meanings set forth in Article I of this Plan. The Debtor is the proponent of this Plan within the meaning of section 1129 of the Bankruptcy Code.

Reference is made to the Disclosure Statement (as such term is defined herein and distributed contemporaneously herewith) for a discussion of the Debtor's history, business, results of operations, historical financial information, projections and assets, and for a summary and analysis of this Plan and the treatment provided for herein. There also are other agreements and documents that may be Filed with the Bankruptcy Court that are referenced in this Plan or the Disclosure Statement as Exhibits and Plan Documents. All such Exhibits and Plan Documents are incorporated into and are a part of this Plan as if set forth in full herein. Subject to the other provisions of this Plan, and in accordance with the requirements set forth in section 1127 of the Bankruptcy Code and Bankruptcy Rule 3019, the Debtor reserves the right to alter, amend, modify, revoke, or withdraw this Plan prior to the Effective Date.

If this Plan cannot be confirmed, for any reason, then subject to the terms set forth herein, this Plan may be revoked.

# ARTICLE I. RULES OF INTERPRETATION, COMPUTATION OF TIME, GOVERNING LAW AND DEFINED TERMS

### A. Rules of Interpretation, Computation of Time and Governing Law

For purposes hereof: (a) in the appropriate context, each term, whether stated in the singular or the plural, shall include both the singular and the plural, and pronouns stated in the masculine, feminine or neuter gender shall include the masculine, feminine and the neuter gender; (b) any reference herein to a contract, lease, instrument, release, indenture or other agreement or document being in a particular form or on particular terms and conditions means that the referenced document, as previously amended, modified or supplemented, if applicable, shall be substantially in that form or substantially on those terms and conditions; (c) any reference herein to an existing document or exhibit having been Filed or to be Filed shall mean that document or exhibit, as it may thereafter be amended, modified or supplemented in accordance with its terms; (d) unless otherwise specified, all references herein to "Articles," "Sections," "Exhibits" and "Plan Documents" are references to Articles, Sections, Exhibits and Plan Documents hereof or hereto; (e) unless otherwise stated, the words "herein," "hereof," "hereunder" and "hereto" refer to this Plan in its entirety rather than to a particular portion of this Plan; (f) captions and headings to Articles and Sections are inserted for convenience of reference only and are not intended to be a part of or to affect the interpretation hereof; (g) any reference to an Entity as a Holder of a Claim or Equity Interest includes such Entity's successors and assigns:

(h) the rules of construction set forth in section 102 of the Bankruptcy Code shall apply; (i) any term used in capitalized form herein that is not otherwise defined but that is used in the Bankruptcy Code or the Bankruptcy Rules shall have the meaning assigned to that term in the Bankruptcy Code or the Bankruptcy Rules, as the case may be; and (j) "\$" or "dollars" means Dollars in lawful currency of the United States of America. The provisions of Bankruptcy Rule 9006(a) shall apply in computing any period of time prescribed or allowed herein.

### B. <u>Defined Terms</u>

Unless the context otherwise requires, the following terms shall have the following meanings when used in capitalized form herein:

- 1. "Acis" means collectively Acis Capital Management, L.P. and Acis Capital Management GP, LLP.
- 2. "Administrative Expense Claim" means any Claim for costs and expenses of administration of the Chapter 11 Case that is Allowed pursuant to sections 503(b), 507(a)(2), 507(b) or 1114(2) of the Bankruptcy Code, including, without limitation, (a) the actual and necessary costs and expenses incurred after the Petition Date and through the Effective Date of preserving the Estate and operating the business of the Debtor; and (b) all fees and charges assessed against the Estate pursuant to sections 1911 through 1930 of chapter 123 of title 28 of the United States Code, and that have not already been paid by the Debtor during the Chapter 11 Case and a Professional Fee Claim.
- 3. "Administrative Expense Claims Bar Date" means, with respect to any Administrative Expense Claim (other than a Professional Fee Claim) becoming due on or prior to the Effective Date, 5:00 p.m. (prevailing Central Time) on such date that is forty-five days after the Effective Date.
- 4. "Administrative Expense Claims Objection Deadline" means, with respect to any Administrative Expense Claim, the later of (a) ninety (90) days after the Effective Date and (b) sixty (60) days after the timely Filing of the applicable request for payment of such Administrative Expense Claim; provided, however, that the Administrative Expense Claims Objection Deadline may be extended by the Bankruptcy Court upon a motion by the Claimant Trustee.
- 5. "Affiliate" means an "affiliate" as defined in section 101(2) of the Bankruptcy Code and also includes any other Entity that directly or indirectly, through one or more intermediaries, controls, is controlled by, or is under common control with, such affiliate. For the purposes of this definition, the term "control" (including the terms "controlled by" and "under common control with") means the possession, directly or indirectly, of the power to direct or cause the direction of the management and policies of a Person, whether through the ownership of voting securities, by contract, or otherwise.
- 6. "Allowed" means, with respect to any Claim, except as otherwise provided in the Plan: (a) any Claim that is evidenced by a Proof of Claim that has been timely Filed by the Bar Date, or that is not required to be evidenced by a Filed Proof of Claim under the Bankruptcy Code or a Final Order; (b) a Claim that is listed in the Schedules as not contingent, not

unliquidated, and not disputed and for which no Proof of Claim has been timely filed; (c) a Claim Allowed pursuant to the Plan or an order of the Bankruptcy Court that is not stayed pending appeal; or (d) a Claim that is not Disputed (including for which a Proof of Claim has been timely filed in a liquidated and noncontingent amount that has not been objected to by the Claims Objection Deadline or as to which any such objection has been overruled by Final Order); provided, however, that with respect to a Claim described in clauses (a) and (b) above, such Claim shall be considered Allowed only if and to the extent that, with respect to such Claim, no objection to the allowance thereof has been interposed within the applicable period of time fixed by the Plan, the Bankruptcy Code, the Bankruptcy Rules, or the Bankruptcy Court, or such an objection is so interposed and the Claim shall have been Allowed as set forth above.

- 7. "Allowed Claim or Equity Interest" means a Claim or an Equity Interest of the type that has been Allowed.
- 8. "Assets" means all of the rights, titles, and interest of the Debtor, Reorganized Debtor, or Claimant Trust, in and to property of whatever type or nature, including, without limitation, real, personal, mixed, intellectual, tangible, and intangible property, the Debtor's books and records, and the Causes of Action.
- 9. "Available Cash" means any Cash in excess of the amount needed for the Claimant Trust and Reorganized Debtor to maintain business operations as determined in the sole discretion of the Claimant Trustee.
- 10. "Avoidance Actions" means any and all avoidance, recovery, subordination or other actions or remedies that may be brought by and on behalf of the Debtor or its Estate under the Bankruptcy Code or applicable nonbankruptcy law, including, without limitation, actions or remedies arising under sections 502, 510, 544, 545, and 547-553 of the Bankruptcy Code or under similar state or federal statutes and common law, including fraudulent transfer laws
- 11. "Ballot" means the form(s) distributed to holders of Impaired Claims or Equity Interests entitled to vote on the Plan on which to indicate their acceptance or rejection of the Plan.
- 12. "Bankruptcy Code" means title 11 of the United States Code, 11 U.S.C. §§ 101-1532, as amended from time to time and as applicable to the Chapter 11 Case.
- 13. "Bankruptcy Court" means the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Northern District of Texas, Dallas Division, or any other court having jurisdiction over the Chapter 11 Case.
- 14. "Bankruptcy Rules" means the Federal Rules of Bankruptcy Procedure and the Local Rules of Bankruptcy Practice and Procedure of the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Northern District of Texas, Dallas Division, in each case as amended from time to time and as applicable to the Chapter 11 Case.
- 15. "Bar Date" means the applicable deadlines set by the Bankruptcy Court for the filing of Proofs of Claim against the Debtor as set forth in the Bar Date Order, which deadlines may be or have been extended for certain Claimants by order of the Bankruptcy Court.

- 16. "Bar Date Order" means the Order (I) Establishing Bar Dates for Filing Proofs of Claim and (II) Approving the Form and Manner of Notice Thereof [D.I. 488].
- 17. "Business Day" means any day, other than a Saturday, Sunday or "legal holiday" (as defined in Bankruptcy Rule 9006(a)).
- 18. "Cash" means the legal tender of the United States of America or the equivalent thereof.
- 19. "Causes of Action" means any action, claim, cross-claim, third-party claim, cause of action, controversy, demand, right, Lien, indemnity, contribution, guaranty, suit, obligation, liability, debt, damage, judgment, account, defense, remedy, offset, power, privilege, license and franchise of any kind or character whatsoever, in each case whether known, unknown, contingent or non-contingent, matured or unmatured, suspected or unsuspected, liquidated or unliquidated, disputed or undisputed, foreseen or unforeseen, direct or indirect, choate or inchoate, secured or unsecured, assertable directly or derivatively (including, without limitation, under alter ego theories), whether arising before, on, or after the Petition Date, in contract or in tort, in law or in equity or pursuant to any other theory of law. For the avoidance of doubt, Cause of Action includes, without limitation,: (a) any right of setoff, counterclaim or recoupment and any claim for breach of contract or for breach of duties imposed by law or in equity; (b) the right to object to Claims or Equity Interests; (c) any claim pursuant to section 362 or chapter 5 of the Bankruptcy Code; (d) any claim or defense including fraud, mistake, duress and usury, and any other defenses set forth in section 558 of the Bankruptcy Code; (e) any claims under any state or foreign law, including, without limitation, any fraudulent transfer or similar claims; (f) the Avoidance Actions, and (g) the Estate Claims. The Causes of Action include, without limitation, the Causes of Action belonging to the Debtor's Estate listed on the schedule of Causes of Action to be filed with the Plan Supplement.
- 20. "CEO/CRO" means James P. Seery, Jr., the Debtor's chief executive officer and chief restructuring officer.
- 21. "Chapter 11 Case" means the Debtor's case under chapter 11 of the Bankruptcy Code commenced on the Petition Date in the Delaware Bankruptcy Court and transferred to the Bankruptcy Court on December 4, 2019, and styled *In re Highland Capital Management, L.P.*, Case No. 19-34054-sgj-11.
- 22. "Claim" means any "claim" against the Debtor as defined in section 101(5) of the Bankruptcy Code.
- 23. "Claims Objection Deadline" means the date that is 180 days after the Confirmation Date; provided, however, the Claims Objection Deadline may be extended by the Bankruptcy Court upon a motion by the Claimant Trustee.
- 24. "Claimant Trust" means the trust established for the benefit of the Claimant Trust Beneficiaries on the Effective Date in accordance with the terms of this Plan and the Claimant Trust Agreement.

- 25. "Claimant Trust Agreement" means the agreement Filed in the Plan Supplement establishing and delineating the terms and conditions of the Claimant Trust.
- 26. "Claimant Trust Assets" means (i) other than the Reorganized Debtor Assets (which are expressly excluded from this definition), all other Assets of the Estate, including, but not limited to, all Causes of Action, Available Cash, any proceeds realized or received from such Assets, all rights of setoff, recoupment, and other defenses with respect, relating to, or arising from such Assets, (ii) any Assets transferred by the Reorganized Debtor to the Claimant Trust on or after the Effective Date, (iii) the limited partnership interests in the Reorganized Debtor, and (iv) the ownership interests in New GP LLC. For the avoidance of doubt, any Causes of Action that, for any reason, are not capable of being transferred to the Claimant Trust shall constitute Reorganized Debtor Assets.
- 27. "Claimant Trust Beneficiaries" means the Holders of Allowed General Unsecured Claims, Holders of Allowed Subordinated Claims, including, upon Allowance, Disputed General Unsecured Claims and Disputed Subordinated Claims that become Allowed following the Effective Date, and, only upon certification by the Claimant Trustee that the Holders of such Claims have been paid indefeasibly in full plus, to the extent all Allowed unsecured Claims, excluding Subordinated Claims, have been paid in full, post-petition interest from the Petition Date at the Federal Judgment Rate in accordance with the terms and conditions set forth in the Claimant Trust Agreement and all Disputed Claims in Class 8 and Class 9 have been resolved, Holders of Allowed Class B/C Limited Partnership Interests, and Holders of Allowed Class A Limited Partnership Interests.
- 28. "Claimant Trustee" means James P. Seery, Jr., the Debtor's chief executive officer and chief restructuring officer, or such other Person identified in the Plan Supplement who will act as the trustee of the Claimant Trust in accordance with the Plan, the Confirmation Order, and Claimant Trust Agreement or any replacement trustee pursuant to (and in accordance with) the Claimant Trust Agreement. The Claimant Trustee shall be responsible for, among other things, monetizing the Estate's investment assets, resolving Claims (other than those Claims assigned to the Litigation Sub-Trust for resolution), and, as the sole officer of New GP LLC, winding down the Reorganized Debtor's business operations.
- 29. "Claimant Trust Expenses" means all reasonable legal and other reasonable professional fees, costs, and expenses incurred by the Trustees on account of administration of the Claimant Trust, including any reasonable administrative fees and expenses, reasonable attorneys' fees and expenses, reasonable insurance costs, taxes, reasonable escrow expenses, and other expenses.
- 30. "Claimant Trust Interests" means the non-transferable interests in the Claimant Trust that are issued to the Claimant Trust Beneficiaries pursuant to this Plan; provided, however, Holders of Class A Limited Partnership Interests, Class B Limited Partnership Interests, and Class C Limited Partnership Interests will not be deemed to hold Claimant Trust Interests unless and until the Contingent Claimant Trust Interests distributed to such Holders vest in accordance with the terms of this Plan and the Claimant Trust Agreement.

- 31. "Claimant Trust Oversight Committee" means the committee of five Persons established pursuant to ARTICLE IV of this Plan to oversee the Claimant Trustee's performance of its duties and otherwise serve the functions described in this Plan and the Claimant Trust Agreement.
- 32. "Class" means a category of Holders of Claims or Equity Interests as set forth in ARTICLE III hereof pursuant to section 1122(a) of the Bankruptcy Code.
- 33. "Class A Limited Partnership Interest" means the Class A Limited Partnership Interests as defined in the Limited Partnership Agreement held by The Dugaboy Investment Trust, Mark and Pamela Okada Family Trust Exempt Trust 2, Mark and Pamela Okada Exempt Descendants' Trust, and Mark Kiyoshi Okada, and the General Partner Interest.
- 34. "Class B Limited Partnership Interest" means the Class B Limited Partnership Interests as defined in the Limited Partnership Agreement held by Hunter Mountain Investment Trust.
- 35. "Class B/C Limited Partnership Interests" means, collectively, the Class B Limited Partnership and Class C Limited Partnership Interests.
- 36. "Class C Limited Partnership Interest" means the Class C Limited Partnership Interests as defined in the Limited Partnership Agreement held by Hunter Mountain Investment Trust.
- 37. "Committee" means the Official Committee of Unsecured Creditors appointed by the U.S. Trustee pursuant to 11 U.S.C. § 1102(a)(1) on October 29, 2019 [D.I. 65], consisting of (i) the Redeemer Committee of Highland Crusader Fund, (ii) Meta-e Discovery, (iii) UBS, and (iv) Acis.
- 38. "Confirmation Date" means the date on which the clerk of the Bankruptcy Court enters the Confirmation Order on the docket of the Bankruptcy Court.
- 39. "Confirmation Hearing" means the hearing held by the Bankruptcy Court pursuant to section 1128 of the Bankruptcy Code to consider confirmation of this Plan, as such hearing may be adjourned or continued from time to time.
- 40. "Confirmation Order" means the order of the Bankruptcy Court confirming this Plan pursuant to section 1129 of the Bankruptcy Code.
- 41. "Convenience Claim" means any prepetition, liquidated, and unsecured Claim against the Debtor that as of the Confirmation Date is less than or equal to \$1,000,000 or any General Unsecured Claim that makes the Convenience Class Election. For the avoidance of doubt, the Reduced Employee Claims will be Convenience Claims.
- 42. "Convenience Claim Pool" means the \$13,150,000 in Cash that shall be available upon the Effective Date for distribution to Holders of Convenience Claims under the Plan as set forth herein. Any Cash remaining in the Convenience Claim Pool after all

distributions on account of Convenience Claims have been made will be transferred to the Claimant Trust and administered as a Claimant Trust Asset.

- 43. "Convenience Class Election" means the option provided to each Holder of a General Unsecured Claim that is a liquidated Claim as of the Confirmation Date on their Ballot to elect to reduce their claim to \$1,000,000 and receive the treatment provided to Convenience Claims.
- 44. "Contingent Claimant Trust Interests" means the contingent Claimant Trust Interests to be distributed to Holders of Class A Limited Partnership Interests, Holders of Class B Limited Partnership Interests, and Holders of Class C Limited Partnership Interests in accordance with this Plan, the rights of which shall not vest, and consequently convert to Claimant Trust Interests, unless and until the Claimant Trustee Files a certification that all holders of Allowed General Unsecured Claims have been paid indefeasibly in full, plus, to the extent all Allowed unsecured Claims, excluding Subordinated Claims, have been paid in full, all accrued and unpaid post-petition interest from the Petition Date at the Federal Judgment Rate and all Disputed Claims in Class 8 and Class 9 have been resolved. As set forth in the Claimant Trust Agreement, the Contingent Claimant Trust Interests distributed to the Holders of Class A Limited Partnership Interests will be subordinated to the Contingent Claimant Trust Interests distributed to the Holders of Class B/C Limited Partnership Interests.
- 45. "Debtor" means Highland Capital Management, L.P. in its capacity as debtor and debtor in possession in the Chapter 11 Case.
- 46. "Delaware Bankruptcy Court" means the United States Bankruptcy Court for the District of Delaware.
- 47. "Disclosure Statement" means that certain Disclosure Statement for Debtor's Fifth Amended Chapter 11 Plan of Reorganization, as amended, supplemented, or modified from time to time, which describes this Plan, including all exhibits and schedules thereto and references therein that relate to this Plan.
- 48. "Disputed" means with respect to any Claim or Equity Interest, any Claim or Equity Interest that is not yet Allowed.
- 49. "Disputed Claims Reserve" means the appropriate reserve(s) or account(s) to be established on the Initial Distribution Date and maintained by the Claimant Trustee for distributions on account of Disputed Claims that may subsequently become an Allowed Claim.
- 50. "Disputed Claims Reserve Amount" means, for purposes of determining the Disputed Claims Reserve, the Cash that would have otherwise been distributed to a Holder of a Disputed Claim at the time any distributions of Cash are made to the Holders of Allowed Claims. The amount of the Disputed Claim upon which the Disputed Claims Reserve is calculated shall be: (a) the amount set forth on either the Schedules or the filed Proof of Claim, as applicable; (b) the amount agreed to by the Holder of the Disputed Claim and the Claimant Trustee or Reorganized Debtor, as applicable; (c) the amount ordered by the Bankruptcy Court if it enters an order disallowing, in whole or in part, a Disputed Claim; or (d) as otherwise ordered by the Bankruptcy Court, including an order estimating the Disputed Claim.

- 51. "Distribution Agent" means the Claimant Trustee, or any party designated by the Claimant Trustee to serve as distribution agent under this Plan.
- 52. "Distribution Date" means the date or dates determined by the Reorganized Debtor or the Claimant Trustee, as applicable, on or after the Initial Distribution Date upon which the Distribution Agent shall make distributions to holders of Allowed Claims and Interests entitled to receive distributions under the Plan.
- 53. "Distribution Record Date" means the date for determining which Holders of Claims and Equity Interests are eligible to receive distributions hereunder, which date shall be the Effective Date or such later date determined by the Bankruptcy Court.
- 54. "Effective Date" means the Business Day that this Plan becomes effective as provided in ARTICLE VIII hereof.
- 55. "Employees" means the employees of the Debtor set forth in the Plan Supplement.
- 56. "Entity" means any "entity" as defined in section 101(15) of the Bankruptcy Code and also includes any Person or any other entity.
- 57. "Equity Interest" means any Equity Security in the Debtor, including, without limitation, all issued, unissued, authorized or outstanding partnership interests, shares, of stock or limited company interests, the Class A Limited Partnership Interests, the Class B Limited Partnership Interests, and the Class C Limited Partnership Interests.
- 58. "Equity Security" means an "equity security" as defined in section 101(16) of the Bankruptcy Code.
- 59. "Estate" means the bankruptcy estate of the Debtor created by virtue of section 541 of the Bankruptcy Code upon the commencement of the Chapter 11 Case.
- 60. "Estate Claims" has the meaning given to it in Exhibit A to the Notice of Final Term Sheet [D.I. 354].
- 61. "Exculpated Parties" means, collectively, (i) the Debtor and its successors and assigns, direct and indirect majority-owned subsidiaries, and the Managed Funds, (ii) the Employees, (iii) Strand, (iv) the Independent Directors, (v) the Committee, (vi) the members of the Committee (in their official capacities), (vii) the Professionals retained by the Debtor and the Committee in the Chapter 11 Case, (viii) the CEO/CRO; and (ix) the Related Persons of each of the parties listed in (iv) through (viii); provided, however, that, for the avoidance of doubt, none of James Dondero, Mark Okada, NexPoint Advisors, L.P. (and any of its subsidiaries and managed entities), the Charitable Donor Advised Fund, L.P. (and any of its subsidiaries, including CLO Holdco, Ltd., and managed entities), Highland CLO Funding, Ltd. (and any of its subsidiaries, members, and managed entities), Highland Capital Management Fund Advisors, L.P. (and any of its subsidiaries and managed entities), NexBank, SSB (and any of its subsidiaries), the Hunter Mountain Investment Trust (or any trustee acting for the trust), the

Dugaboy Investment Trust (or any trustee acting for the trust), or Grant Scott is included in the term "Exculpated Party."

- 62. "Executory Contract" means a contract to which the Debtor is a party that is subject to assumption or rejection under sections 365 or 1123 of the Bankruptcy Code.
- 63. "Exhibit" means an exhibit annexed hereto or to the Disclosure Statement (as such exhibits are amended, modified or otherwise supplemented from time to time), which are incorporated by reference herein.
- 64. "Federal Judgment Rate" means the post-judgment interest rate set forth in 28 U.S.C. § 1961 as of the Effective Date.
- 65. "File" or "Filed" or "Filing" means file, filed or filing with the Bankruptcy Court or its authorized designee in the Chapter 11 Case.
- 66. "Final Order" means an order or judgment of the Bankruptcy Court, which is in full force and effect, and as to which the time to appeal, petition for certiorari, or move for a new trial, reargument or rehearing has expired and as to which no appeal, petition for certiorari, or other proceedings for a new trial, reargument or rehearing shall then be pending or as to which any right to appeal, petition for certiorari, new trial, reargument, or rehearing shall have been waived in writing in form and substance satisfactory to the Debtor, the Reorganized Debtor, or the Claimant Trustee, as applicable, or, in the event that an appeal, writ of certiorari, new trial, reargument, or rehearing thereof has been sought, such order of the Bankruptcy Court shall have been determined by the highest court to which such order was appealed, or certiorari, new trial, reargument or rehearing shall have been denied and the time to take any further appeal, petition for certiorari, or move for a new trial, reargument or rehearing shall have expired; provided, however, that the possibility that a motion under Rule 60 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, or any analogous rule under the Bankruptcy Rules, may be Filed with respect to such order shall not preclude such order from being a Final Order.
- 67. "Frontier Secured Claim" means the loan from Frontier State Bank to the Debtor in the principal amount of \$7,879,688.00 made pursuant to that certain First Amended and Restated Loan Agreement, dated March 29, 2018.
- 68. "General Partner Interest" means the Class A Limited Partnership Interest held by Strand, as the Debtor's general partner.
- 69. "General Unsecured Claim" means any prepetition Claim against the Debtor that is not Secured and is not a/an: (a) Administrative Expense Claim; (b) Professional Fee Claim; (c) Priority Tax Claim; (d) Priority Non-Tax Claim; or (e) Convenience Claim.
- 70. "Governmental Unit" means a "governmental unit" as defined in section 101(27) of the Bankruptcy Code.
- 71. "GUC Election" means the option provided to each Holder of a Convenience Claim on their Ballot to elect to receive the treatment provided to General Unsecured Claims.

- 72. "Holder" means an Entity holding a Claim against, or Equity Interest in, the Debtor.
- 73. "Impaired" means, when used in reference to a Claim or Equity Interest, a Claim or Equity Interest that is impaired within the meaning of section 1124 of the Bankruptcy Code.
- 74. "Independent Directors" means John S. Dubel, James P. Seery, Jr., and Russell Nelms, the independent directors of Strand appointed on January 9, 2020, and any additional or replacement directors of Strand appointed after January 9, 2020, but prior to the Effective Date.
- 75. "Initial Distribution Date" means, subject to the "Treatment" sections in ARTICLE III hereof, the date that is on or as soon as reasonably practicable after the Effective Date, when distributions under this Plan shall commence to Holders of Allowed Claims and Equity Interests.
- 76. "Insurance Policies" means all insurance policies maintained by the Debtor as of the Petition Date.
- 77. "Jefferies Secured Claim" means any Claim in favor of Jefferies, LLC, arising under that certain Prime Brokerage Customer Agreement, dated May 24, 2013, between the Debtor and Jefferies, LLC, that is secured by the assets, if any, maintained in the prime brokerage account created by such Prime Brokerage Customer Agreement.
- 78. "Lien" means a "lien" as defined in section 101(37) of the Bankruptcy Code and, with respect to any asset, includes, without limitation, any mortgage, lien, pledge, charge, security interest or other encumbrance of any kind, or any other type of preferential arrangement that has the practical effect of creating a security interest, in respect of such asset.
- 79. "Limited Partnership Agreement" means that certain Fourth Amended and Restated Agreement of Limited Partnership of Highland Capital Management, L.P., dated December 24, 2015, as amended.
- 80. "Litigation Sub-Trust" means the sub-trust established within the Claimant Trust or as a wholly –owned subsidiary of the Claimant Trust on the Effective Date in each case in accordance with the terms and conditions set forth in the Litigation Sub-Trust Agreement and Claimant Trust Agreement. As set forth in the Litigation Sub-Trust Agreement, the Litigation Sub-Trust shall hold the Claimant Trust Assets that are Estate Claims.
- 81. "Litigation Sub-Trust Agreement" means the agreement filed in the Plan Supplement establishing and delineating the terms and conditions of the Litigation Sub-Trust.
- 82. "Litigation Trustee" means the trustee appointed by the Committee and reasonably acceptable to the Debtor who shall be responsible for investigating, litigating, and settling the Estate Claims for the benefit of the Claimant Trust in accordance with the terms and conditions set forth in the Litigation Sub-Trust Agreement.

- 83. "Managed Funds" means Highland Multi-Strategy Credit Fund, L.P., Highland Restoration Capital Partners, L.P., and any other investment vehicle managed by the Debtor pursuant to an Executory Contract assumed pursuant to this Plan.
- 84. "New Frontier Note" means that promissory note to be provided to the Allowed Holders of Class 2 Claims under this Plan and any other documents or security agreements securing the obligations thereunder.
- 85. "New GP LLC" means a limited liability company incorporated in the State of Delaware pursuant to the New GP LLC Documents to serve as the general partner of the Reorganized Debtor on the Effective Date.
- 86. "New GP LLC Documents" means the charter, operating agreement, and other formational documents of New GP LLC.
- 87. "Ordinary Course Professionals Order" means that certain Order Pursuant to Sections 105(a), 327, 328, and 330 of the Bankruptcy Code Authorizing the Debtor to Retain, Employ, and Compensate Certain Professionals Utilized by the Debtor in the Ordinary Course [D.I. 176].
- 88. "Other Unsecured Claim" means any Secured Claim other than the Jefferies Secured Claim and the Frontier Secured Claim.
- 89. "Person" means a "person" as defined in section 101(41) of the Bankruptcy Code and also includes any natural person, individual, corporation, company, general or limited partnership, limited liability company, unincorporated organization firm, trust, estate, business trust, association, joint stock company, joint venture, government, governmental agency, Governmental Unit or any subdivision thereof, the United States Trustee, or any other entity, whether acting in an individual, fiduciary or other capacity.
  - 90. "Petition Date" means October 16, 2019.
- 91. "Plan" means this Debtor's Fifth Amended Chapter 11 Plan of Reorganization, including the Exhibits and the Plan Documents and all supplements, appendices, and schedules thereto, either in its present form or as the same may be altered, amended, modified or otherwise supplemented from time to time.
- 92. "Plan Distribution" means the payment or distribution of consideration to Holders of Allowed Claims and Allowed Equity Interests under this Plan.
- 93. "Plan Documents" means any of the documents, other than this Plan, but including, without limitation, the documents to be filed with the Plan Supplement, to be executed, delivered, assumed, or performed in connection with the occurrence of the Effective Date, and as may be modified consistent with the terms hereof with the consent of the Committee.
- 94. "Plan Supplement" means the ancillary documents necessary for the implementation and effectuation of the Plan, including, without limitation, (i) the form of

Claimant Trust Agreement, (ii) the forms of New GP LLC Documents, (iii) the form of Reorganized Limited Partnership Agreement, (iv) the Sub-Servicer Agreement (if applicable), (v) the identity of the initial members of the Claimant Trust Oversight Committee, (vi) the form of Litigation Sub-Trust Agreement; (vii) the schedule of retained Causes of Action; (viii) the New Frontier Note, (ix) the schedule of Employees; (x) the form of Senior Employee Stipulation,; and (xi) the schedule of Executory Contracts and Unexpired Leases to be assumed pursuant to this Plan, which, in each case, will be in form and substance reasonably acceptable to the Debtor and the Committee.

- 95. "Priority Non-Tax Claim" means a Claim entitled to priority pursuant to section 507(a) of the Bankruptcy Code, including any Claims for paid time-off entitled to priority under section 507(a)(4) of the Bankruptcy Code, other than a Priority Tax Claim or an Administrative Claim.
- 96. "Pro Rata" means the proportion that (a) the Allowed amount of a Claim or Equity Interest in a particular Class bears to (b) the aggregate Allowed amount of all Claims or Equity Interests in such Class.
- 97. "Professional" means (a) any Entity employed in the Chapter 11 Case pursuant to section 327, 328 363 or 1103 of the Bankruptcy Code or otherwise and (b) any Entity seeking compensation or reimbursement of expenses in connection with the Chapter 11 Case pursuant to sections 327, 328, 330, 331, 363, 503(b), 503(b)(4) and 1103 of the Bankruptcy Code.
- 98. "Professional Fee Claim" means a Claim under sections 328, 330(a), 331, 363, 503 or 1103 of the Bankruptcy Code, with respect to a particular Professional, for compensation for services rendered or reimbursement of costs, expenses or other charges incurred after the Petition Date and prior to and including the Effective Date.
- 99. "Professional Fee Claims Bar Date" means with respect to Professional Fee Claims, the Business Day which is sixty (60) days after the Effective Date or such other date as approved by order of the Bankruptcy Court.
- 100. "Professional Fee Claims Objection Deadline" means, with respect to any Professional Fee Claim, thirty (30) days after the timely Filing of the applicable request for payment of such Professional Fee Claim.
- 101. "Professional Fee Reserve" means the reserve established and funded by the Claimant Trustee pursuant this Plan to provide sufficient funds to satisfy in full unpaid Allowed Professional Fee Claims.
- 102. "Proof of Claim" means a written proof of Claim or Equity Interest Filed against the Debtor in the Chapter 11 Case.
- 103. "Priority Tax Claim" means any Claim of a Governmental Unit of the kind specified in section 507(a)(8) of the Bankruptcy Code.

- "Protected Parties" means, collectively, (i) the Debtor and its successors 104. and assigns, direct and indirect majority-owned subsidiaries, and the Managed Funds, (ii) the Employees, (iii) Strand, (iv) the Reorganized Debtor, (v) the Independent Directors, (vi) the Committee, (vii) the members of the Committee (in their official capacities), (viii) the Claimant Trust, (ix) the Claimant Trustee, (x) the Litigation Sub-Trust, (xi) the Litigation Trustee, (xii) the members of the Claimant Trust Oversight Committee (in their official capacities), (xiii) New GP LLC, (xiv) the Professionals retained by the Debtor and the Committee in the Chapter 11 Case, (xv) the CEO/CRO; and (xvi) the Related Persons of each of the parties listed in (iv) through (xv); provided, however, that, for the avoidance of doubt, none of James Dondero, Mark Okada, NexPoint Advisors, L.P. (and any of its subsidiaries and managed entities), the Charitable Donor Advised Fund, L.P. (and any of its subsidiaries, including CLO Holdco, Ltd., and managed entities), Highland CLO Funding, Ltd. (and any of its subsidiaries, members, and managed entities), NexBank, SSB (and any of its subsidiaries), Highland Capital Management Fund Advisors, L.P. (and any of its subsidiaries and managed entities), the Hunter Mountain Investment Trust (or any trustee acting for the trust), the Dugaboy Investment Trust (or any trustee acting for the trust), or Grant Scott is included in the term "Protected Party."
- 105. "PTO Claims" means any Claim for paid time off in favor of any Debtor employee in excess of the amount that would qualify as a Priority Non-Tax Claim under section 507(a)(4) of the Bankruptcy Code.
  - 106. "Reduced Employee Claims" has the meaning set forth in ARTICLE IX.D.
- "Reinstated" means, with respect to any Claim or Equity Interest, (a) leaving unaltered the legal, equitable, and contractual rights to which a Claim entitles the Holder of such Claim or Equity Interest in accordance with section 1124 of the Bankruptcy Code or (b) notwithstanding any contractual provision or applicable law that entitles the Holder of such Claim or Equity Interest to demand or receive accelerated payment of such Claim or Equity Interest after the occurrence of a default: (i) curing any such default that occurred before or after the Petition Date, other than a default of a kind specified in section 365(b)(2) of the Bankruptcy Code or of a kind that section 365(b)(2) of the Bankruptcy Code expressly does not require to be cured; (ii) reinstating the maturity of such Claim or Equity Interest as such maturity existed before such default; (iii) compensating the Holder of such Claim or Equity Interest for any damages incurred as a result of any reasonable reliance by such Holder on such contractual provision or such applicable law; (iv) if such Claim or Equity Interest arises from any failure to perform a nonmonetary obligation, other than a default arising from failure to operate a nonresidential real property lease subject to section 365(b)(1)(A) of the Bankruptcy Code, compensating the Holder of such Claim or Equity Interest (other than any Debtor or an insider of any Debtor) for any actual pecuniary loss incurred by such Holder as a result of such failure; and (v) not otherwise altering the legal, equitable, or contractual rights to which such Claim entitles the Holder of such Claim.
- 108. "Rejection Claim" means any Claim for monetary damages as a result of the rejection of an executory contract or unexpired lease pursuant to the Confirmation Order.
- 109. "Related Entity" means, without duplication, (a) James Dondero, (b) Mark Okada, (c) Grant Scott, (d) Hunter Covitz, (e) any entity or person that was an insider of the

Debtor on the Petition Date under Section 101(31) of the Bankruptcy Code, including any non-statutory insider, (f) any entity that, after the Effective Date, is controlled directly or indirectly by James Dondero, including, without limitation, The Dugaboy Investment Trust, (g) the Hunter Mountain Investment Trust and any of its direct or indirect parents, and (h) the Charitable Donor Advised Fund, L.P., and any of its direct or indirect subsidiaries.

- 110. "Related Persons" means, with respect to any Person, such Person's predecessors, successors, assigns (whether by operation of law or otherwise), and each of their respective present and former officers, directors, employees, managers, managing members, members, financial advisors, attorneys, accountants, investment bankers, consultants, professionals, advisors, shareholders, principals, partners, employees, subsidiaries, divisions, management companies, and other representatives, in each case solely in their capacity as such.
- 111. "Released Parties" means, collectively, (i) the Independent Directors; (ii) Strand (solely from the date of the appointment of the Independent Directors through the Effective Date); (iii) the CEO/CRO; (iv) the Committee; (v) the members of the Committee (in their official capacities), (vi) the Professionals retained by the Debtor and the Committee in the Chapter 11 Case; and (vii) the Employees.
- 112. "Reorganized Debtor" means the Debtor, as reorganized pursuant to this Plan on and after the Effective Date.
- 113. "Reorganized Debtor Assets" means any limited and general partnership interests held by the Debtor, the management of the Managed Funds and those Causes of Action (including, without limitation, claims for breach of fiduciary duty), that, for any reason, are not capable of being transferred to the Claimant Trust. For the avoidance of doubt, "Reorganized Debtor Assets" includes any partnership interests or shares of Managed Funds held by the Debtor but does not include the underlying portfolio assets held by the Managed Funds.
- 114. "Reorganized Limited Partnership Agreement" means that certain Fifth Amended and Restated Agreement of Limited Partnership of Highland Capital Management, L.P., by and among the Claimant Trust, as limited partner, and New GP LLC, as general partner, Filed with the Plan Supplement.
- 115. "Restructuring" means the restructuring of the Debtor, the principal terms of which are set forth in this Plan and the Disclosure Statement.
- 116. "Retained Employee Claim" means any Claim filed by a current employee of the Debtor who will be employed by the Reorganized Debtor upon the Effective Date.
- 117. "Schedules" means the schedules of Assets and liabilities, statements of financial affairs, lists of Holders of Claims and Equity Interests and all amendments or supplements thereto Filed by the Debtor with the Bankruptcy Court [D.I. 247].
- 118. "Secured" means, when referring to a Claim: (a) secured by a Lien on property in which the Debtor's Estate has an interest, which Lien is valid, perfected, and enforceable pursuant to applicable law or by reason of a Bankruptcy Court order, or that is subject to setoff pursuant to section 553 of the Bankruptcy Code, to the extent of the value of the

creditor's interest in the interest of the Debtor's Estate in such property or to the extent of the amount subject to setoff, as applicable, as determined pursuant to section 506(a) of the Bankruptcy Code or (b) Allowed pursuant to the Plan as a Secured Claim.

- 119. "Security" or "security" means any security as such term is defined in section 101(49) of the Bankruptcy Code.
- 120. "Senior Employees" means the senior employees of the Debtor Filed in the Plan Supplement.
- 121. "Senior Employee Stipulation" means the agreements filed in the Plan Supplement between each Senior Employee and the Debtor.
- 122. "Stamp or Similar Tax" means any stamp tax, recording tax, personal property tax, conveyance fee, intangibles or similar tax, real estate transfer tax, sales tax, use tax, transaction privilege tax (including, without limitation, such taxes on prime contracting and owner-builder sales), privilege taxes (including, without limitation, privilege taxes on construction contracting with regard to speculative builders and owner builders), and other similar taxes imposed or assessed by any Governmental Unit.
  - 123. "Statutory Fees" means fees payable pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1930.
  - 124. "Strand" means Strand Advisors, Inc., the Debtor's general partner.
- 125. "Sub-Servicer" means a third-party selected by the Claimant Trustee to service or sub-service the Reorganized Debtor Assets.
- 126. "Sub-Servicer Agreement" means the agreement that may be entered into providing for the servicing of the Reorganized Debtor Assets by the Sub-Servicer.
- 127. "Subordinated Claim" means any Claim that (i) is or may be subordinated to the Convenience Claims and General Unsecured Claims pursuant to 11 U.S.C. § 510 or Final Order of the Bankruptcy Court or (ii) arises from a Class A Limited Partnership Interest or a Class B/C Limited Partnership Interest.
- 128. "Subordinated Claimant Trust Interests" means the Claimant Trust Interests to be distributed to Holders of Allowed Subordinated Claims under the Plan, which such interests shall be subordinated in right and priority to the Claimant Trust Interests distributed to Holders of Allowed General Unsecured Claims as provided in the Claimant Trust Agreement.
- 129. "*Trust Distribution*" means the transfer of Cash or other property by the Claimant Trustee to the Claimant Trust Beneficiaries.
- 130. "Trustees" means, collectively, the Claimant Trustee and Litigation Trustee.

- 131. "UBS" means, collectively, UBS Securities LLC and UBS AG London Branch.
- 132. "Unexpired Lease" means a lease to which the Debtor is a party that is subject to assumption or rejection under section 365 of the Bankruptcy Code.
- 133. "Unimpaired" means, with respect to a Class of Claims or Equity Interests that is not impaired within the meaning of section 1124 of the Bankruptcy Code.
- 134. "Voting Deadline" means the date and time by which all Ballots to accept or reject the Plan must be received in order to be counted under the under the Order of the Bankruptcy Court approving the Disclosure Statement as containing adequate information pursuant to section 1125(a) of the Bankruptcy Code and authorizing the Debtor to solicit acceptances of the Plan.
  - 135. "Voting Record Date" means November 23, 2020.

# ARTICLE II. ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES AND PRIORITY TAX CLAIMS

# A. Administrative Expense Claims

On the later of the Effective Date or the date on which an Administrative Expense Claim becomes an Allowed Administrative Expense Claim, or, in each such case, as soon as practicable thereafter, each Holder of an Allowed Administrative Expense Claim (other than Professional Fee Claims) will receive, in full satisfaction, settlement, discharge and release of, and in exchange for, such Allowed Administrative Expense Claim either (i) payment in full in Available Cash for the unpaid portion of such Allowed Administrative Expense Claim; or (ii) such other less favorable treatment as agreed to in writing by the Debtor or the Reorganized Debtor, as applicable, and such Holder; *provided, however*, that Administrative Expense Claims incurred by the Debtor in the ordinary course of business may be paid in the ordinary course of business in the discretion of the Debtor in accordance with such applicable terms and conditions relating thereto without further notice to or order of the Bankruptcy Court. All statutory fees payable under 28 U.S.C. § 1930(a) shall be paid as such fees become due.

If an Administrative Expense Claim (other than a Professional Fee Claim) is not paid by the Debtor in the ordinary course, the Holder of such Administrative Expense Claim must File, on or before the applicable Administrative Expense Claims Bar Date, and serve on the Debtor or Reorganized Debtor, as applicable, and such other Entities who are designated by the Bankruptcy Rules, the Confirmation Order or other order of the Bankruptcy Court, an application for allowance and payment of such Administrative Expense Claim.

Objections to any Administrative Expense Claim (other than a Professional Fee Claim) must be Filed and served on the Debtor or the Reorganized Debtor, as applicable, and the party asserting such Administrative Expense Claim by the Administrative Expense Claims Objection Deadline.

# **B.** Professional Fee Claims

Professionals or other Entities asserting a Professional Fee Claim for services rendered through the Effective Date must submit fee applications under sections 327, 328, 329,330, 331, 503(b) or 1103 of the Bankruptcy Code and, upon entry of an order of the Bankruptcy Court granting such fee applications, such Professional Fee Claim shall promptly be paid in Cash in full to the extent provided in such order.

Professionals or other Entities asserting a Professional Fee Claim for services rendered on or prior to the Effective Date must File, on or before the Professional Fee Claims Bar Date, and serve on the Debtor or Reorganized Debtor, as applicable, and such other Entities who are designated as requiring such notice by the Bankruptcy Rules, the Confirmation Order or other order of the Bankruptcy Court, an application for final allowance of such Professional Fee Claim.

Objections to any Professional Fee Claim must be Filed and served on the Debtor or Reorganized Debtor, as applicable, and the party asserting the Professional Fee Claim by the Professional Fee Claim Objection Deadline. Each Holder of an Allowed Professional Fee Claim will be paid by the Debtor or the Claimant Trust, as applicable, in Cash within ten (10) Business Days of entry of the order approving such Allowed Professional Fee Claim.

On the Effective Date, the Claimant Trustee shall establish the Professional Fee Reserve. The Professional Fee Reserve shall vest in the Claimant Trust and shall be maintained by the Claimant Trustee in accordance with the Plan and Claimant Trust Agreement. The Claimant Trust shall fund the Professional Fee Reserve on the Effective Date in an estimated amount determined by the Debtor in good faith prior to the Confirmation Date and that approximates the total projected amount of unpaid Professional Fee Claims on the Effective Date. Following the payment of all Allowed Professional Fee Claims, any excess funds in the Professional Fee Reserve shall be released to the Claimant Trust to be used for other purposes consistent with the Plan and the Claimant Trust Agreement.

### C. Priority Tax Claims

On or as soon as reasonably practicable after the later of (i) the Initial Distribution Date if such Priority Tax Claim is an Allowed Priority Tax Claim as of the Effective Date or (ii) the date on which such Priority Tax Claim becomes an Allowed Priority Tax Claim, each Holder of an Allowed Priority Tax Claim will receive in full satisfaction, settlement, discharge and release of, and in exchange for, such Allowed Priority Tax Claim, at the election of the Debtor: (a) Cash in an amount equal to the amount of such Allowed Priority Tax Claim, or (b) such other less favorable treatment as agreed to in writing by the Debtor and such Holder. Payment of statutory fees due pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1930(a)(6) will be made at all appropriate times until the entry of a final decree; provided, however, that the Debtor may prepay any or all such Claims at any time, without premium or penalty.

# ARTICLE III. <u>CLASSIFICATION AND TREATMENT OF</u> CLASSIFIED CLAIMS AND EQUITY INTERESTS

# A. Summary

All Claims and Equity Interests, except Administrative Expense Claims and Priority Tax Claims, are classified in the Classes set forth below. In accordance with section 1123(a)(1) of the Bankruptcy Code, Administrative Expense Claims, and Priority Tax Claims have not been classified.

The categories of Claims and Equity Interests listed below classify Claims and Equity Interests for all purposes including, without limitation, confirmation and distribution pursuant to the Plan and pursuant to sections 1122 and 1123(a)(1) of the Bankruptcy Code. The Plan deems a Claim or Equity Interest to be classified in a particular Class only to the extent that the Claim or Equity Interest qualifies within the description of that Class and will be deemed classified in a different Class to the extent that any remainder of such Claim or Equity Interest qualifies within the description of such different Class. A Claim or Equity Interest is in a particular Class only to the extent that any such Claim or Equity Interest is Allowed in that Class and has not been paid, released or otherwise settled (in each case, by the Debtor or any other Entity) prior to the Effective Date.

# B. <u>Summary of Classification and Treatment of Classified Claims and Equity Interests</u>

Class	Claim	Status	<b>Voting Rights</b>
1	Jefferies Secured Claim	Unimpaired	Deemed to Accept
2	Frontier Secured Claim	Impaired	Entitled to Vote
3	Other Secured Claims	Unimpaired	Deemed to Accept
4	Priority Non-Tax Claim	Unimpaired	Deemed to Accept
5	Retained Employee Claim	Unimpaired	Deemed to Accept
6	PTO Claims	Unimpaired	Deemed to Accept
7	Convenience Claims	Impaired	Entitled to Vote
8	General Unsecured Claims	Impaired	Entitled to Vote
9	Subordinated Claims	Impaired	Entitled to Vote
10	Class B/C Limited Partnership Interests	Impaired	Entitled to Vote
11	Class A Limited Partnership Interests	Impaired	Entitled to Vote

# C. Elimination of Vacant Classes

Any Class that, as of the commencement of the Confirmation Hearing, does not have at least one Holder of a Claim or Equity Interest that is Allowed in an amount greater than zero for voting purposes shall be considered vacant, deemed eliminated from the Plan for purposes of

voting to accept or reject the Plan, and disregarded for purposes of determining whether the Plan satisfies section 1129(a)(8) of the Bankruptcy Code with respect to such Class.

# D. <u>Impaired/Voting Classes</u>

Claims and Equity Interests in Class 2 and Class 7 through Class 11 are Impaired by the Plan, and only the Holders of Claims or Equity Interests in those Classes are entitled to vote to accept or reject the Plan.

# E. Unimpaired/Non-Voting Classes

Claims in Class 1 and Class 3 through Class 6 are Unimpaired by the Plan, and such Holders are deemed to have accepted the Plan and are therefore not entitled to vote on the Plan.

### F. Impaired/Non-Voting Classes

There are no Classes under the Plan that will not receive or retain any property and no Classes are deemed to reject the Plan.

### G. Cramdown

If any Class of Claims or Equity Interests is deemed to reject this Plan or does not vote to accept this Plan, the Debtor may (i) seek confirmation of this Plan under section 1129(b) of the Bankruptcy Code or (ii) amend or modify this Plan in accordance with the terms hereof and the Bankruptcy Code. If a controversy arises as to whether any Claims or Equity Interests, or any class of Claims or Equity Interests, are Impaired, the Bankruptcy Court shall, after notice and a hearing, determine such controversy on or before the Confirmation Date.

#### H. Classification and Treatment of Claims and Equity Interests

### 1. Class 1 – Jefferies Secured Claim

- Classification: Class 1 consists of the Jefferies Secured Claim.
- Treatment: On or as soon as reasonably practicable after the Effective Date, each Holder of an Allowed Class 1 Claim will receive in full satisfaction, settlement, discharge and release of, and in exchange for, such Allowed Class 1 Claim, at the election of the Debtor: (A) Cash equal to the amount of such Allowed Class 1 Claim; (B) such other less favorable treatment as to which the Debtor and the Holder of such Allowed Class 1 Claim will have agreed upon in writing; or (C) such other treatment rendering such Claim Unimpaired. Each Holder of an Allowed Class 1 Claim will retain the Liens securing its Allowed Class 1 Claim as of the Effective Date until full and final payment of such Allowed Class 1 Claim is made as provided herein.
- Impairment and Voting: Class 1 is Unimpaired, and the Holders of Class 1 Claims are conclusively deemed to have accepted this Plan

pursuant to section 1126(f) of the Bankruptcy Code. Therefore, the Holders of Class 1 Claims are not entitled to vote to accept or reject this Plan and will not be solicited.

# 2. Class 2 – Frontier Secured Claim

- *Classification*: Class 2 consists of the Frontier Secured Claim.
- Treatment: On or as soon as reasonably practicable after the Effective Date, each Holder of an Allowed Class 2 Claim will receive in full satisfaction, settlement, discharge and release of, and in exchange for, such Allowed Class 2 Claim: (A) Cash in an amount equal to all accrued but unpaid interest on the Frontier Claim through and including the Effective Date and (B) the New Frontier Note. The Holder of an Allowed Class 2 Claim will retain the Liens securing its Allowed Class 2 Claim as of the Effective Date until full and final payment of such Allowed Class 2 Claim is made as provided herein.
- Impairment and Voting: Class 2 is Impaired, and the Holders of Class 2 Claims are entitled to vote to accept or reject this Plan.

### 3. Class 3 – Other Secured Claims

- Classification: Class 3 consists of the Other Secured Claims.
- Allowance and Treatment: On or as soon as reasonably practicable after the later of (i) the Initial Distribution Date if such Class 3 Claim is Allowed on the Effective Date or (ii) the date on which such Class 3 Claim becomes an Allowed Class 3 Claim, each Holder of an Allowed Class 3 Claim will receive in full satisfaction, settlement, discharge and release of, and in exchange for, its Allowed Claim 3 Claim, at the option of the Debtor, or following the Effective Date, the Reorganized Debtor or Claimant Trustee, as applicable, (i) Cash equal to such Allowed Other Secured Claim, (ii) the collateral securing its Allowed Other Secured Claim, plus postpetition interest to the extent required under Bankruptcy Code Section 506(b), or (iii) such other treatment rendering such Claim Unimpaired.
- Impairment and Voting: Class 3 is Unimpaired, and the Holders of Class 3 Claims are conclusively deemed to have accepted this Plan pursuant to section 1126(f) of the Bankruptcy Code. Therefore, the Holders of Class 3 Claims are not entitled to vote to accept or reject this Plan and will not be solicited.

#### 4. Class 4 – Priority Non-Tax Claims

• *Classification*: Class 4 consists of the Priority Non-Tax Claims.

- Allowance and Treatment: On or as soon as reasonably practicable after the later of (i) the Initial Distribution Date if such Class 4 Claim is Allowed on the Effective Date or (ii) the date on which such Class 4 Claim becomes an Allowed Class 4 Claim, each Holder of an Allowed Class 4 Claim will receive in full satisfaction, settlement, discharge and release of, and in exchange for, its Allowed Claim 4 Claim Cash equal to the amount of such Allowed Class 4 Claim.
- Impairment and Voting: Class 4 is Unimpaired, and the Holders of Class 4 Claims are conclusively deemed to have accepted this Plan pursuant to section 1126(f) of the Bankruptcy Code. Therefore, the Holders of Class 4 Claims are not entitled to vote to accept or reject this Plan and will not be solicited.

# 5. Class 5 – Retained Employee Claims

- *Classification*: Class 5 consists of the Retained Employee Claims.
- *Allowance and Treatment*: On or as soon as reasonably practicable after the Effective Date, each Allowed Class 5 Claim will be Reinstated.
- Impairment and Voting: Class 5 is Unimpaired, and the Holders of Class 5 Claims are conclusively deemed to have accepted this Plan pursuant to section 1126(f) of the Bankruptcy Code. Therefore, the Holders of Class 5 Claims are not entitled to vote to accept or reject this Plan and will not be solicited.

# 6. Class 6 – PTO Claims

- *Classification*: Class 6 consists of the PTO Claims.
- Allowance and Treatment: On or as soon as reasonably practicable after the later of (i) the Initial Distribution Date if such Class 6 Claim is Allowed on the Effective Date or (ii) the date on which such Class 6 Claim becomes an Allowed Class 6 Claim, each Holder of an Allowed Class 6 Claim will receive in full satisfaction, settlement, discharge and release of, and in exchange for, its Allowed Claim 6 Claim Cash equal to the amount of such Allowed Class 6 Claim.
- Impairment and Voting: Class 6 is Unimpaired, and the Holders of Class 6 Claims are conclusively deemed to have accepted this Plan pursuant to section 1126(f) of the Bankruptcy Code. Therefore, the Holders of Class 6 Claims are not entitled to vote to accept or reject this Plan and will not be solicited.

# 7. <u>Class 7 – Conve</u>nience Claims

- *Classification*: Class 7 consists of the Convenience Claims.
- Allowance and Treatment: On or as soon as reasonably practicable after the later of (i) the Initial Distribution Date if such Class 7 Claim is Allowed on the Effective Date or (ii) the date on which such Class 7 Claim becomes an Allowed Class 7 Claim, each Holder of an Allowed Class 7 Claim will receive in full satisfaction, settlement, discharge and release of, and in exchange for, its Allowed Class 7 Claim (1) the treatment provided to Allowed Holders of Class 8 General Unsecured Claims if the Holder of such Class 7 Claim makes the GUC Election or (2) an amount in Cash equal to the lesser of (a) 85% of the Allowed amount of such Holder's Class 7 Claim or (b) such Holder's Pro Rata share of the Convenience Claims Cash Pool.
- *Impairment and Voting*: Class 7 is Impaired, and the Holders of Class 7 Claims are entitled to vote to accept or reject this Plan.

### 8. Class 8 – General Unsecured Claims

- Classification: Class 8 consists of the General Unsecured Claims.
- Treatment: On or as soon as reasonably practicable after the Effective Date, each Holder of an Allowed Class 8 Claim, in full satisfaction, settlement, discharge and release of, and in exchange for, such Claim shall receive (i) its Pro Rata share of the Claimant Trust Interests, (ii) such other less favorable treatment as to which such Holder and the Claimant Trustee shall have agreed upon in writing, or (iii) the treatment provided to Allowed Holders of Class 7 Convenience Claims if the Holder of such Class 8 General Unsecured Claim is eligible and makes a valid Convenience Class Election.

Notwithstanding anything to the contrary herein, after the Effective Date and subject to the other provisions of this Plan, the Debtor, the Reorganized Debtor, and the Claimant Trust, as applicable, will have and will retain any and all rights and defenses under bankruptcy or nonbankruptcy law that the Debtor had with respect to any General Unsecured Claim, except with respect to any General Unsecured Claim Allowed by Final Order of the Bankruptcy Court.

• Impairment and Voting: Class 8 is Impaired, and the Holders of Class 8 Claims are entitled to vote to accept or reject this Plan.

### 9. Class 9 – Subordinated Claims

• *Classification*: Class 9 consists of the Subordinated Claims.

• Treatment: On or as soon as reasonably practicable after the Effective Date, each Holder of an Allowed Class 9 Claim, in full satisfaction, settlement, discharge and release of, and in exchange for, such Claim shall receive either (i) the treatment provided to Allowed Class 8 Claims or (ii) if such Allowed Class 9 Claim is subordinated to the Convenience Claims and General Unsecured Claims pursuant to 11 U.S.C. § 510 or Final Order of the Bankruptcy Court, its Pro Rata share of the Subordinated Claimant Trust Interests or (ii) such other less favorable treatment as to which such Holder and the Claimant Trustee shall have agreed upon in writing.

Notwithstanding anything to the contrary herein, after the Effective Date and subject to the other provisions of this Plan, the Debtor, the Reorganized Debtor, and the Claimant Trust, as applicable, will have and will retain any and all rights and defenses under bankruptcy or nonbankruptcy law that the Debtor had with respect to any Subordinated Claim, except with respect to any Subordinated Claim Allowed by Final Order of the Bankruptcy Court.

• *Impairment and Voting*: Class 9 is Impaired, and the Holders of Class 9 Claims are entitled to vote to accept or reject this Plan.

# 10. Class 10 – Class B/C Limited Partnership Interests

- Classification: Class 10 consists of the Class B/C Limited Partnership Interests.
- Treatment: On or as soon as reasonably practicable after the Effective Date, each Holder of an Allowed Class 10 Claim, in full satisfaction, settlement, discharge and release of, and in exchange for, such Claim shall receive (i) its Pro Rata share of the Contingent Claimant Trust Interests or (ii) such other less favorable treatment as to which such Holder and the Claimant Trustee shall have agreed upon in writing.

Notwithstanding anything to the contrary herein, after the Effective Date and subject to the other provisions of this Plan, the Debtor, the Reorganized Debtor, and the Claimant Trust, as applicable, will have and will retain any and all rights and defenses under bankruptcy or nonbankruptcy law that the Debtor had with respect to any Class B/C Limited Partnership Interest Claim, except with respect to any Class B/C Limited Partnership Interest Claim Allowed by Final Order of the Bankruptcy Court.

• Impairment and Voting: Class 10 is Impaired, and the Holders of Class 10 Claims are entitled to vote to accept or reject this Plan.

# 11. <u>Class 11 – Class A Limited Partnership Interests</u>

- Classification: Class 11 consists of the Class A Limited Partnership Interests.
- Treatment: On or as soon as reasonably practicable after the Effective Date, each Holder of an Allowed Class 11 Claim, in full satisfaction, settlement, discharge and release of, and in exchange for, such Claim shall receive (i) its Pro Rata share of the Contingent Claimant Trust Interests or (ii) such other less favorable treatment as to which such Holder and the Claimant Trustee shall have agreed upon in writing.

Notwithstanding anything to the contrary herein, after the Effective Date and subject to the other provisions of this Plan, the Debtor, the Reorganized Debtor, and the Claimant Trust, as applicable, will have and will retain any and all rights and defenses under bankruptcy or nonbankruptcy law that the Debtor had with respect to any Class A Limited Partnership Interest, except with respect to any Class A Limited Partnership Interest Allowed by Final Order of the Bankruptcy Court.

• *Impairment and Voting*: Class 11 is Impaired, and the Holders of Class 11 Claims are entitled to vote to accept or reject this Plan.

# I. Special Provision Governing Unimpaired Claims

Except as otherwise provided in the Plan, nothing under the Plan will affect the Debtor's rights in respect of any Unimpaired Claims, including, without limitation, all rights in respect of legal and equitable defenses to or setoffs or recoupments against any such Unimpaired Claims.

# J. Subordinated Claims

The allowance, classification, and treatment of all Claims under the Plan shall take into account and conform to the contractual, legal, and equitable subordination rights relating thereto, whether arising under general principles of equitable subordination, section 510(b) of the Bankruptcy Code, or otherwise. Under section 510 of the Bankruptcy Code, upon written notice, the Debtor the Reorganized Debtor, and the Claimant Trustee reserve the right to re-classify, or to seek to subordinate, any Claim in accordance with any contractual, legal, or equitable subordination relating thereto, and the treatment afforded any Claim under the Plan that becomes a subordinated Claim at any time shall be modified to reflect such subordination.

# ARTICLE IV. MEANS FOR IMPLEMENTATION OF THIS PLAN

#### A. Summary

As discussed in the Disclosure Statement, the Plan will be implemented through (i) the Claimant Trust, (ii) the Litigation Sub-Trust, and (iii) the Reorganized Debtor.

On the Effective Date, all Class A Limited Partnership Interests, including the Class A Limited Partnership Interests held by Strand, as general partner, and Class B/C Limited Partnerships in the Debtor will be cancelled, and new Class A Limited Partnership Interests in the Reorganized Debtor will be issued to the Claimant Trust and New GP LLC – a newly-chartered limited liability company wholly-owned by the Claimant Trust. The Claimant Trust, as limited partner, will ratify New GP LLC's appointment as general partner of the Reorganized Debtor, and on and following the Effective Date, the Claimant Trust will be the Reorganized Debtor's limited partner and New GP LLC will be its general partner. The Claimant Trust, as limited partner, and New GP LLC, as general partner, will execute the Reorganized Limited Partnership Agreement, which will amend and restate, in all respects, the Debtor's current Limited Partnership Agreement. Following the Effective Date, the Reorganized Debtor will be managed consistent with the terms of the Reorganized Limited Partnership Agreement by New GP LLC. The sole managing member of New GP LLC will be the Claimant Trust, and the Claimant Trustee will be the sole officer of New GP LLC on the Effective Date.

Following the Effective Date, the Claimant Trust will administer the Claimant Trust Assets pursuant to this Plan and the Claimant Trust Agreement, and the Litigation Trustee will pursue, if applicable, the Estate Claims pursuant to the terms of the Litigation Sub-Trust Agreement and the Plan. The Reorganized Debtor will administer the Reorganized Debtor Assets and, if needed, with the utilization of a Sub-Servicer, which administration will include, among other things, managing the wind down of the Managed Funds.

Although the Reorganized Debtor will manage the wind down of the Managed Funds, it is currently anticipated that neither the Reorganized Debtor nor the Claimant Trust will assume or assume and assign the contracts between the Debtor and certain Related Entities pursuant to which the Debtor provides shared services and sub-advisory services to those Related Entities. The Debtor believes that the continued provision of the services under such contracts will not be cost effective.

The Reorganized Debtor will distribute all proceeds from the wind down to the Claimant Trust, as its limited partner, and New GP LLC, as its general partner, in each case in accordance with the Reorganized Limited Partnership Agreement. Such proceeds, along with the proceeds of the Claimant Trust Assets, will ultimately be distributed to the Claimant Trust Beneficiaries as set forth in this Plan and the Claimant Trust Agreement.

# **B.** The Claimant Trust<sup>2</sup>

1. <u>Creation and Governance of the Claimant Trust and Litigation Sub-Trust.</u>

On or prior to the Effective Date, the Debtor and the Claimant Trustee shall execute the Claimant Trust Agreement and shall take all steps necessary to establish the Claimant Trust and the Litigation Sub-Trust in accordance with the Plan in each case for the benefit of the Claimant Trust Beneficiaries. Additionally, on or prior to the Effective Date, the Debtor shall irrevocably transfer and shall be deemed to have irrevocably transferred to the Claimant Trust all of its

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> In the event of a conflict between the terms of this summary and the terms of the Claimant Trust Agreement and the Litigation Sub-Trust Agreement, the terms of the Claimant Trust Agreement or the Litigation Sub-Trust Agreement, as applicable, shall control.

rights, title, and interest in and to all of the Claimant Trust Assets, and in accordance with section 1141 of the Bankruptcy Code, the Claimant Trust Assets shall automatically vest in the Claimant Trust free and clear of all Claims, Liens, encumbrances, or interests subject only to the Claimant Trust Interests and the Claimant Trust Expenses, as provided for in the Claimant Trust Agreement, and such transfer shall be exempt from any stamp, real estate transfer, mortgage from any stamp, transfer, reporting, sales, use, or other similar tax.

The Claimant Trustee shall be the exclusive trustee of the Claimant Trust Assets, excluding the Estate Claims and the Litigation Trustee shall be the exclusive trustee with respect to the Estate Claims in each case for purposes of 31 U.S.C. § 3713(b) and 26 U.S.C. § 6012(b)(3), as well as the representative of the Estate appointed pursuant to section 1123(b)(3)(B) of the Bankruptcy Code with respect to the Claimant Trust Assets. The Claimant Trustee shall also be responsible for resolving all Claims and Equity Interests in Class 8 through Class 11, under the supervision of the Claimant Trust Oversight Committee.

On the Effective Date, the Claimant Trustee and Litigation Trustee shall execute the Litigation Sub-Trust Agreement and shall take all steps necessary to establish the Litigation Sub-Trust. Upon the creation of the Litigation Sub-Trust, the Claimant Trust shall irrevocably transfer and assign to the Litigation Sub-Trust the Estate Claims. The Claimant Trust shall be governed by the Claimant Trust Agreement and administered by the Claimant Trustee. The powers, rights, and responsibilities of the Claimant Trustee shall be specified in the Claimant Trust Agreement and shall include the authority and responsibility to, among other things, take the actions set forth in this ARTICLE IV, subject to any required reporting to the Claimant Trust Oversight Committee as may be set forth in the Claimant Trust Agreement. The Claimant Trust shall hold and distribute the Claimant Trust Assets (including the proceeds from the Estate Claims, if any) in accordance with the provisions of the Plan and the Claimant Trust Agreement; provided that the Claimant Trust Oversight Committee may direct the Claimant Trust to reserve Cash from distributions as necessary to fund the Claimant Trust and Litigation Sub-Trust. Other rights and duties of the Claimant Trustee and the Claimant Trust Beneficiaries shall be as set forth in the Claimant Trust Agreement. After the Effective Date, neither the Debtor nor the Reorganized Debtor shall have any interest in the Claimant Trust Assets.

The Litigation Sub-Trust shall be governed by the Litigation Sub-Trust Agreement and administered by the Litigation Trustee. The powers, rights, and responsibilities of the Litigation Trustee shall be specified in the Litigation Sub-Trust Agreement and shall include the authority and responsibility to, among other things, take the actions set forth in this ARTICLE IV, subject to any required reporting as may be set forth in the Litigation Sub-Trust Agreement. The Litigation Sub-Trust shall investigate, prosecute, settle, or otherwise resolve the Estate Claims in accordance with the provisions of the Plan and the Litigation Sub-Trust Agreement and shall distribute the proceeds therefrom to the Claimant Trust for distribution. Other rights and duties of the Litigation Trustee shall be as set forth in the Litigation Sub-Trust Agreement.

# 2. Claimant Trust Oversight Committee

The Claimant Trust, the Claimant Trustee, the management and monetization of the Claimant Trust Assets, and the management of the Reorganized Debtor (through the Claimant Trust's role as managing member of New GP LLC) and the Litigation Sub-Trust will be

overseen by the Claimant Trust Oversight Committee, subject to the terms of the Claimant Trust Agreement and the Litigation Sub-Trust Agreement, as applicable.

The Claimant Trust Oversight Committee will initially consist of five members. Four of the five members will be representatives of the members of the Committee: (i) the Redeemer Committee of Highland Crusader Fund, (ii) UBS, (iii) Acis, and (iv) Meta-e Discovery. The fifth member will be an independent, natural Person chosen by the Committee and reasonably acceptable to the Debtor. The members of the Claimant Trust Oversight Committee may be replaced as set forth in the Claimant Trust Agreement. The identity of the members of the Claimant Trust Oversight Committee will be disclosed in the Plan Supplement.

As set forth in the Claimant Trust Agreement, in no event will any member of the Claimant Trust Oversight Committee with a Claim against the Estate be entitled to vote, opine, or otherwise be involved in any matters related to such member's Claim.

The independent member(s) of the Claimant Trust Oversight Committee may be entitled to compensation for their services as set forth in the Claimant Trust Agreement. Any member of the Claimant Trust Oversight Committee may be removed, and successor chosen, in the manner set forth in the Claimant Trust Agreement.

# 3. Purpose of the Claimant Trust.

The Claimant Trust shall be established for the purpose of (i) managing and monetizing the Claimant Trust Assets, subject to the terms of the Claimant Trust Agreement and the oversight of the Claimant Trust Oversight Committee, (ii) serving as the limited partner of, and holding the limited partnership interests in, the Reorganized Debtor, (iii) serving as the sole member and manager of New GP LLC, the Reorganized Debtor's general partner, (iv) in its capacity as the sole member and manager of New GP LLC, overseeing the management and monetization of the Reorganized Debtor Assets pursuant to the terms of the Reorganized Limited Partnership Agreement; and (v) administering the Disputed Claims Reserve and serving as Distribution Agent with respect to Disputed Claims in Class 7 or Class 8.

In its management of the Claimant Trust Assets, the Claimant Trust will also reconcile and object to the General Unsecured Claims, Subordinated Claims, Class B/C Limited Partnership Interests, and Class A Limited Partnership Interests, as provided for in this Plan and the Claimant Trust Agreement, and make Trust Distributions to the Claimant Trust Beneficiaries in accordance with Treasury Regulation section 301.7701-4(d), with no objective to continue or engage in the conduct of a trade or business.

The purpose of the Reorganized Debtor is discussed at greater length in ARTICLE IV.C.

# 4. Purpose of the Litigation Sub-Trust.

The Litigation Sub-Trust shall be established for the purpose of investigating, prosecuting, settling, or otherwise resolving the Estate Claims. Any proceeds therefrom shall be distributed by the Litigation Sub-Trust to the Claimant Trust for distribution to the Claimant Trust Beneficiaries pursuant to the terms of the Claimant Trust Agreement.

# 5. <u>Claimant Trust Agreement and Litigation Sub-Trust Agreement.</u>

The Claimant Trust Agreement generally will provide for, among other things:

- (i) the payment of the Claimant Trust Expenses;
- (ii) the payment of other reasonable expenses of the Claimant Trust;
- (iii) the retention of employees, counsel, accountants, financial advisors, or other professionals and the payment of their reasonable compensation;
- (iv) the investment of Cash by the Claimant Trustee within certain limitations, including those specified in the Plan;
  - (v) the orderly monetization of the Claimant Trust Assets;
- (vi) litigation of any Causes of Action, which may include the prosecution, settlement, abandonment, or dismissal of any such Causes of Action, subject to reporting and oversight by the Claimant Trust Oversight Committee;
- (vii) the resolution of Claims and Equity Interests in Class 8 through Class 11, subject to reporting and oversight by the Claimant Trust Oversight Committee;
- (viii) the administration of the Disputed Claims Reserve and distributions to be made therefrom; and
- (ix) the management of the Reorganized Debtor, including the utilization of a Sub-Servicer, with the Claimant Trust serving as the managing member of New GP LLC.

Except as otherwise ordered by the Bankruptcy Court, the Claimant Trust Expenses shall be paid from the Claimant Trust Assets in accordance with the Plan and Claimant Trust Agreement. The Claimant Trustee may establish a reserve for the payment of Claimant Trust Expenses and shall periodically replenish such reserve, as necessary.

In furtherance of, and consistent with the purpose of, the Claimant Trust and the Plan, the Trustees, for the benefit of the Claimant Trust, shall, subject to reporting and oversight by the Claimant Trust Oversight Committee as set forth in the Claimant Trust Agreement: (i) hold the Claimant Trust Assets for the benefit of the Claimant Trust Beneficiaries, (ii) make Distributions to the Claimant Trust Beneficiaries as provided herein and in the Claimant Trust Agreement, and (iii) have the sole power and authority to prosecute and resolve any Causes of Action and objections to Claims and Equity Interests (other than those assigned to the Litigation Sub-Trust), without approval of the Bankruptcy Court. Except as otherwise provided in the Claimant Trust Agreement, the Claimant Trustee shall be responsible for all decisions and duties with respect to the Claimant Trust and the Claimant Trust Assets; *provided, however*, that the prosecution and resolution of any Estate Claims included in the Claimant Trust Assets shall be the responsibility of the Litigation Trustee. In all circumstances, the Claimant Trustee shall act in the best interests of the Claimant Trust Beneficiaries and with the same fiduciary duties as a chapter 7 trustee.

The Litigation Sub-Trust Agreement generally will provide for, among other things:

- (i) the payment of other reasonable expenses of the Litigation Sub-Trust;
- (ii) the retention of employees, counsel, accountants, financial advisors, or other professionals and the payment of their reasonable compensation; and
- (iii) the investigation and prosecution of Estate Claims, which may include the prosecution, settlement, abandonment, or dismissal of any such Estate Claims, subject to reporting and oversight as set forth in the Litigation Sub-Trust Agreement.

The Trustees, on behalf of the Claimant Trust and Litigation Sub-Trust, as applicable, may each employ, without further order of the Bankruptcy Court, employees and other professionals (including those previously retained by the Debtor and the Committee) to assist in carrying out the Trustees' duties hereunder and may compensate and reimburse the reasonable expenses of these professionals without further Order of the Bankruptcy Court from the Claimant Trust Assets in accordance with the Plan and the Claimant Trust Agreement.

The Claimant Trust Agreement and Litigation Sub-Trust Agreement may include reasonable and customary provisions that allow for indemnification by the Claimant Trust in favor of the Claimant Trustee, Litigation Trustee, and the Claimant Trust Oversight Committee. Any such indemnification shall be the sole responsibility of the Claimant Trust and payable solely from the Claimant Trust Assets.

### 6. *Compensation and Duties of Trustees.*

The salient terms of each Trustee's employment, including such Trustee's duties and compensation shall be set forth in the Claimant Trust Agreement and the Litigation Sub-Trust Agreement, as appropriate. The Trustees shall each be entitled to reasonable compensation in an amount consistent with that of similar functionaries in similar types of bankruptcy cases.

### 7. *Cooperation of Debtor and Reorganized Debtor.*

To effectively investigate, prosecute, compromise and/or settle the Claims and/or Causes of Action that constitute Claimant Trust Assets (including Estate Claims), the Claimant Trustee, Litigation Trustee, and each of their professionals may require reasonable access to the Debtor's and Reorganized Debtor's documents, information, and work product relating to the Claimant Trust Assets. Accordingly, the Debtor and the Reorganized Debtor, as applicable, shall reasonably cooperate with the Claimant Trustee and Litigation Trustee, as applicable, in their prosecution of Causes of Action and in providing the Claimant Trustee and Litigation Trustee with copies of documents and information in the Debtor's possession, custody, or control on the Effective Date that either Trustee indicates relates to the Estate Claims or other Causes of Action.

The Debtor and Reorganized Debtor shall preserve all records, documents or work product (including all electronic records, documents, or work product) related to the Claims and Causes of Action, including Estate Claims, until the earlier of (a) the dissolution of the Reorganized Debtor or (b) termination of the Claimant Trust and Litigation Sub-Trust.

# 8. *United States Federal Income Tax Treatment of the Claimant Trust.*

Unless the IRS requires otherwise, for all United States federal income tax purposes, the parties shall treat the transfer of the Claimant Trust Assets to the Claimant Trust as: (a) a transfer of the Claimant Trust Assets (other than the amounts set aside in the Disputed Claims Reserve, if the Claimant Trustee makes the election described in Section 7 below) directly to the applicable Claimant Trust Beneficiaries followed by (b) the transfer by the such Claimant Trust Beneficiaries to the Claimant Trust of such Claimant Trust Assets in exchange for the Claimant Trust Interests. Accordingly, the applicable Claimant Trust Beneficiaries shall be treated for United States federal income tax purposes as the grantors and owners of their respective share of the Claimant Trust Assets. The foregoing treatment shall also apply, to the extent permitted by applicable law, for state and local income tax purposes.

# 9. <u>Tax Reporting.</u>

- (a) The Claimant Trustee shall file tax returns for the Claimant Trust treating the Claimant Trust as a grantor trust pursuant to Treasury Regulation section 1.671-4(a). The Claimant Trustee may file an election pursuant to Treasury Regulation 1.468B-9(c) to treat the Disputed Claims Reserve as a disputed ownership fund, in which case the Claimant Trustee will file federal income tax returns and pay taxes for the Disputed Claims Reserve as a separate taxable entity.
- (b) The Claimant Trustee shall be responsible for payment, out of the Claimant Trust Assets, of any taxes imposed on the Claimant Trust or its assets.
- (c) The Claimant Trustee shall determine the fair market value of the Claimant Trust Assets as of the Effective Date and notify the applicable Claimant Trust Beneficiaries of such valuation, and such valuation shall be used consistently for all federal income tax purposes.
- (d) The Claimant Trustee shall distribute such tax information to the applicable Claimant Trust Beneficiaries as the Claimant Trustee determines is required by applicable law.

### 10. Claimant Trust Assets.

The Claimant Trustee shall have the exclusive right, on behalf of the Claimant Trust, to institute, file, prosecute, enforce, abandon, settle, compromise, release, or withdraw any and all Causes of Action included in the Claimant Trust Assets (except for the Estate Claims) without any further order of the Bankruptcy Court, and the Claimant Trustee shall have the exclusive right, on behalf of the Claimant Trust, to sell, liquidate, or otherwise monetize all Claimant Trust Assets, except as otherwise provided in this Plan or in the Claimant Trust Agreement, without any further order of the Bankruptcy Court. Notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, the Litigation Trustee shall have the exclusive right to institute, file, prosecute, enforce, abandon, settle, compromise, release, or withdraw any and all Estate Claims included in the Claimant Trust Assets without any further order of the Bankruptcy Court.

From and after the Effective Date, the Trustees, in accordance with section 1123(b)(3) and (4) of the Bankruptcy Code, and on behalf of the Claimant Trust, shall each serve as a representative of the Estate with respect to any and all Claimant Trust Assets, including the

Causes of Action and Estate Claims, as appropriate, and shall retain and possess the right to (a) commence, pursue, settle, compromise, or abandon, as appropriate, any and all Causes of Action in any court or other tribunal and (b) sell, liquidate, or otherwise monetize all Claimant Trust Assets.

### 11. <u>Claimant Trust Expenses.</u>

From and after the Effective Date, the Claimant Trust shall, in the ordinary course of business and without the necessity of any approval by the Bankruptcy Court, pay the reasonable professional fees and expenses incurred by the Claimant Trust, the Litigation Sub-Trust, and any professionals retained by such parties and entities from the Claimant Trust Assets, except as otherwise provided in the Claimant Trust Agreement.

### 12. Trust Distributions to Claimant Trust Beneficiaries.

The Claimant Trustee, in its discretion, may make Trust Distributions to the Claimant Trust Beneficiaries at any time and/or use the Claimant Trust Assets or proceeds thereof, *provided* that such Trust Distributions or use is otherwise permitted under the terms of the Plan, the Claimant Trust Agreement, and applicable law.

#### 13. Cash Investments.

With the consent of the Claimant Trust Oversight Committee, the Claimant Trustee may invest Cash (including any earnings thereon or proceeds therefrom) in a manner consistent with the terms of the Claimant Trust Agreement; *provided, however,* that such investments are investments permitted to be made by a "liquidating trust" within the meaning of Treasury Regulation section 301.7701-4(d), as reflected therein, or under applicable IRS guidelines, rulings or other controlling authorities.

### 14. Dissolution of the Claimant Trust and Litigation Sub-Trust.

The Trustees and the Claimant Trust and Litigation Sub-Trust shall be discharged or dissolved, as the case may be, at such time as: (a) the Litigation Trustee determines that the pursuit of Estate Claims is not likely to yield sufficient additional proceeds to justify further pursuit of such Estate Claims, (b) the Claimant Trustee determines that the pursuit of Causes of Action (other than Estate Claims) is not likely to yield sufficient additional proceeds to justify further pursuit of such Causes of Action, (c) the Clamant Trustee determines that the pursuit of sales of other Claimant Trust Assets is not likely to yield sufficient additional proceeds to justify further pursuit of such sales of Claimant Trust Assets, (d) all objections to Disputed Claims and Equity Interests are fully resolved, (e) the Reorganized Debtor is dissolved, and (f) all Distributions required to be made by the Claimant Trustee to the Claimant Trust Beneficiaries under the Plan have been made, but in no event shall the Claimant Trust be dissolved later than three years from the Effective Date unless the Bankruptcy Court, upon motion made within the six-month period before such third anniversary (and, in the event of further extension, by order of the Bankruptcy Court, upon motion made at least six months before the end of the preceding extension), determines that a fixed period extension (not to exceed two years, together with any prior extensions, without a favorable letter ruling from the Internal Revenue Service or an opinion of counsel that any further extension would not adversely affect the status of the

Claimant Trust as a liquidating trust for federal income tax purposes) is necessary to facilitate or complete the recovery on, and liquidation of, the Claimant Trust Assets; *provided, however*, that each extension must be approved, upon a finding that the extension is necessary to facilitate or complete the recovery on, and liquidation of the Claimant Trust Assets, by the Bankruptcy Court within 6 months of the beginning of the extended term and no extension, together with any prior extensions, shall exceed three years without a favorable letter ruling from the Internal Revenue Service or an opinion of counsel that any further extension would not adversely affect the status of the Claimant Trust as a liquidating trust for federal income tax purposes.

Upon dissolution of the Claimant Trust, and pursuant to the Claimant Trust Agreement, any remaining Claimant Trust Assets that exceed the amounts required to be paid under the Plan will be transferred (in the sole discretion of the Claimant Trustee) in Cash or in-kind to the Holders of the Claimant Trust Interests as provided in the Claimant Trust Agreement.

# C. The Reorganized Debtor

### 1. Corporate Existence

The Debtor will continue to exist after the Effective Date, with all of the powers of partnerships pursuant to the law of the State of Delaware and as set forth in the Reorganized Limited Partnership Agreement.

# 2. <u>Cancellation of Equity Interests and Release</u>

On the Effective Date, (i) all prepetition Equity Interests, including the Class A Limited Partnership Interests and the Class B/C Limited Partnership Interests, in the Debtor shall be canceled, and (ii) all obligations or debts owed by, or Claims against, the Debtor on account of, or based upon, the Interests shall be deemed as cancelled, released, and discharged, including all obligations or duties by the Debtor relating to the Equity Interests in any of the Debtor's formation documents, including the Limited Partnership Agreement.

### *3. Issuance of New Partnership Interests*

On the Effective Date, the Debtor or the Reorganized Debtor, as applicable, will issue new Class A Limited Partnership Interests to (i) the Claimant Trust, as limited partner, and (ii) New GP LLC, as general partner, and will admit (a) the Claimant Trust as the limited partner of the Reorganized Debtor, and (b) New GP LLC as the general partner of the Reorganized Debtor. The Claimant Trust, as limited partner, will ratify New GP LLC's appointment as general partner of the Reorganized Debtor. Also, on the Effective Date, the Claimant Trust, as limited partner, and New GP LLC, as general partner, will execute the Reorganized Limited Partnership Agreement and receive partnership interests in the Reorganized Debtor consistent with the terms of the Reorganized Limited Partnership Agreement.

### 4. *Management of the Reorganized Debtor*

Subject to and consistent with the terms of the Reorganized Limited Partnership Agreement, the Reorganized Debtor shall be managed by its general partner, New GP LLC. The initial officers and employees of the Reorganized Debtor shall be selected by the Claimant

Trustee. The Reorganized Debtor may, in its discretion, also utilize a Sub-Servicer in addition to or in lieu of the retention of officers and employees.

As set forth in the Reorganized Limited Partnership Agreement, New GP LLC will receive a fee for managing the Reorganized Debtor. Although New GP LLC will be a limited liability company, it will elect to be treated as a C-Corporation for tax purposes. Therefore, New GP LLC (and any taxable income attributable to it) will be subject to corporate income taxation on a standalone basis, which may reduce the return to Claimants.

# 5. <u>Vesting of Assets in the Reorganized Debtor</u>

Except as otherwise provided in this Plan or the Confirmation Order, on or after the Effective Date, all Reorganized Debtor Assets will vest in the Reorganized Debtor, free and clear of all Liens, Claims, charges or other encumbrances pursuant to section 1141(c) of the Bankruptcy Code except with respect to such Liens, Claims, charges and other encumbrances that are specifically preserved under this Plan upon the Effective Date.

The Reorganized Debtor shall be the exclusive trustee of the Reorganized Debtor Assets for purposes of 31 U.S.C. § 3713(b) and 26 U.S.C. § 6012(b)(3), as well as the representative of the Estate appointed pursuant to section 1123(b)(3)(B) of the Bankruptcy Code with respect to the Reorganized Debtor Assets.

# 6. <u>Purpose of the Reorganized Debtor</u>

Except as may be otherwise provided in this Plan or the Confirmation Order, the Reorganized Debtor will continue to manage the Reorganized Debtor Assets (which shall include, for the avoidance of doubt, serving as the investment manager of the Managed Funds) and may use, acquire or dispose of the Reorganized Debtor Assets and compromise or settle any Claims with respect to the Reorganized Debtor Assets without supervision or approval by the Bankruptcy Court and free of any restrictions of the Bankruptcy Code or Bankruptcy Rules. The Reorganized Debtor shall oversee the resolution of Claims in Class 1 through Class 7.

Without limiting the foregoing, the Reorganized Debtor will pay the charges that it incurs after the Effective Date for Professionals' fees, disbursements, expenses or related support services (including reasonable fees relating to the preparation of Professional fee applications) in the ordinary course of business and without application or notice to, or order of, the Bankruptcy Court.

# 7. <u>Distribution of Proceeds from the Reorganized Debtor Assets; Transfer of Reorganized Debtor Assets</u>

Any proceeds received by the Reorganized Debtor will be distributed to the Claimant Trust, as limited partner, and New GP LLC, as general partner, in the manner set forth in the Reorganized Limited Partnership Agreement. As set forth in the Reorganized Limited Partnership Agreement, the Reorganized Debtor may, from time to time distribute Reorganized Debtor Assets to the Claimant Trust either in Cash or in-kind, including to institute the wind-down and dissolution of the Reorganized Debtor. Any assets distributed to the Claimant Trust

will be (i) deemed transferred in all respects as forth in ARTICLE IV.B.1, (ii) deemed Claimant Trust Assets, and (iii) administered as Claimant Trust Assets.

# D. Company Action

Each of the Debtor, the Reorganized Debtor, and the Trustees, as applicable, may take any and all actions to execute, deliver, File or record such contracts, instruments, releases and other agreements or documents and take such actions as may be necessary or appropriate to effectuate and implement the provisions of this Plan, the Claimant Trust Agreement, the Reorganized Limited Partnership Agreement, or the New GP LLC Documents, as applicable, in the name of and on behalf of the Debtor, the Reorganized Debtor, or the Trustees, as applicable, and in each case without further notice to or order of the Bankruptcy Court, act or action under applicable law, regulation, order, or rule or any requirement of further action, vote or other approval or authorization by the security holders, officers, or directors of the Debtor or the Reorganized Debtor, as applicable, or by any other Person.

Prior to, on or after the Effective Date (as appropriate), all matters provided for pursuant to this Plan that would otherwise require approval of the stockholders, partners, directors, managers, or members of the Debtor, any Related Entity, or any Affiliate thereof (as of prior to the Effective Date) will be deemed to have been so approved and will be in effect prior to, on or after the Effective Date (as appropriate) pursuant to applicable law and without any requirement of further action by the stockholders, partners, directors, managers or members of such Persons, or the need for any approvals, authorizations, actions or consents of any Person.

All matters provided for in this Plan involving the legal or corporate structure of the Debtor, the Reorganized Debtor, or the Claimant Trust, as applicable, and any legal or corporate action required by the Debtor, the Reorganized Debtor, or the Claimant Trust, as applicable, in connection with this Plan, will be deemed to have occurred and will be in full force and effect in all respects, in each case without further notice to or order of the Bankruptcy Court, act or action under applicable law, regulation, order, or rule or any requirement of further action, vote or other approval or authorization by the security holders, partners, directors, managers, or members of the Debtor, the Reorganized Debtor, or the Claimant Trust, as applicable, or by any other Person. On the Effective Date, the appropriate officers of the Debtor and the Reorganized Debtor, as applicable, as well as the Trustees, are authorized to issue, execute, deliver, and consummate the transactions contemplated by, the contracts, agreements, documents, guarantees, pledges, consents, securities, certificates, resolutions and instruments contemplated by or described in this Plan in the name of and on behalf of the Debtor and the Reorganized Debtor, as well as the Trustees, in each case without further notice to or order of the Bankruptcy Court, act or action under applicable law, regulation, order, or rule or any requirement of further action, vote or other approval or authorization by any Person. The appropriate officer of the Debtor, the Reorganized Debtor, as well as the Trustees, will be authorized to certify or attest to any of the foregoing actions.

# E. Release of Liens, Claims and Equity Interests

Except as otherwise provided in the Plan or in any contract, instrument, release or other agreement or document entered into or delivered in connection with the Plan, from and after the

Effective Date and concurrently with the applicable distributions made pursuant to the Plan, all Liens, Claims, Equity Interests, mortgages, deeds of trust, or other security interests against the property of the Estate will be fully released, terminated, extinguished and discharged, in each case without further notice to or order of the Bankruptcy Court, act or action under applicable law, regulation, order, or rule or the vote, consent, authorization or approval of any Entity. Any Entity holding such Liens or Equity Interests extinguished pursuant to the prior sentence will, pursuant to section 1142 of the Bankruptcy Code, promptly execute and deliver to the Debtor, the Reorganized Debtor, or the Claimant Trustee, as applicable, such instruments of termination, release, satisfaction and/or assignment (in recordable form) as may be reasonably requested by the Debtor, the Reorganized Debtor, or the Claimant Trustee, as applicable. For the avoidance of doubt, this section is in addition to, and shall not be read to limit in any respects, ARTICLE IV.C.2.

# F. Cancellation of Notes, Certificates and Instruments

Except for the purpose of evidencing a right to a distribution under this Plan and except as otherwise set forth in this Plan, on the Effective Date, all agreements, instruments, Securities and other documents evidencing any prepetition Claim or Equity Interest and any rights of any Holder in respect thereof shall be deemed cancelled, discharged, and of no force or effect. The holders of or parties to such cancelled instruments, Securities, and other documentation will have no rights arising from or related to such instruments, Securities, or other documentation or the cancellation thereof, except the rights provided for pursuant to this Plan, and the obligations of the Debtor thereunder or in any way related thereto will be fully released, terminated, extinguished and discharged, in each case without further notice to or order of the Bankruptcy Court, act or action under applicable law, regulation, order, or rule or any requirement of further action, vote or other approval or authorization by any Person. For the avoidance of doubt, this section is in addition to, and shall not be read to limit in any respects, ARTICLE IV.C.2.

### G. Cancellation of Existing Instruments Governing Security Interests

Upon payment or other satisfaction of an Allowed Class 1 or Allowed Class 2 Claim, or promptly thereafter, the Holder of such Allowed Class 1 or Allowed Class 2 Claim shall deliver to the Debtor, the Reorganized Debtor, or the Claimant Trustee, as applicable, any collateral or other property of the Debtor held by such Holder, together with any termination statements, instruments of satisfaction, or releases of all security interests with respect to its Allowed Class 1 or Allowed Class 2 Claim that may be reasonably required to terminate any related financing statements, mortgages, mechanics' or other statutory Liens, or *lis pendens*, or similar interests or documents.

## **H.** Control Provisions

To the extent that there is any inconsistency between this Plan as it relates to the Claimant Trust, the Claimant Trust Agreement, the Reorganized Debtor, or the Reorganized Limited Partnership Agreement, this Plan shall control.

# I. Treatment of Vacant Classes

Any Claim or Equity Interest in a Class considered vacant under ARTICLE III.C of this Plan shall receive no Plan Distributions.

# J. Plan Documents

The documents, if any, to be Filed as part of the Plan Documents, including any documents filed with the Plan Supplement, and any amendments, restatements, supplements, or other modifications to such documents, and any consents, waivers, or other deviations under or from any such documents, shall be incorporated herein by this reference (including to the applicable definitions in ARTICLE I hereof) and fully enforceable as if stated in full herein.

The Debtor and the Committee are currently working to finalize the forms of certain of the Plan Documents to be filed with the Plan Supplement. To the extent that the Debtor and the Committee cannot agree as to the form and content of such Plan Documents, they intend to submit the issue to non-binding mediation pursuant to the *Order Directing Mediation* entered on August 3, 2020 [D.I. 912].

# K. Highland Capital Management, L.P. Retirement Plan and Trust

The Highland Capital Management, L.P. Retirement Plan And Trust ("Pension Plan") is a single-employer defined benefit pension plan covered by Title IV of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974, as amended ("ERISA"). 29 U.S.C. §§ 1301-1461. The Debtor is the contributing sponsor and, as such, the PBGC asserts that the Debtor is liable along with any members of the contributing sponsor's controlled-group within the meaning of 29 U.S.C. §§ 1301(a)(13), (14) with respect to the Pension Plan.

Upon the Effective Date, the Reorganized Debtor shall be deemed to have assumed the Pension Plan and shall comply with all applicable statutory provisions of ERISA and the Internal Revenue Code (the "IRC"), including, but not limited to, satisfying the minimum funding standards pursuant to 26 U.S.C. §§ 412, 430, and 29 U.S.C. §§ 1082, 1083; paying the PBGC premiums in accordance with 29 U.S.C. §§ 1306 and 1307; and administering the Pension Plan in accordance with its terms and the provisions of ERISA and the IRC. In the event that the Pension Plan terminates after the Plan of Reorganization Effective Date, the PBGC asserts that the Reorganized Debtor and each of its controlled group members will be responsible for the liabilities imposed by Title IV of ERISA.

Notwithstanding any provision of the Plan, the Confirmation Order, or the Bankruptcy Code (including section 1141 thereof) to the contrary, neither the Plan, the Confirmation Order, or the Bankruptcy Code shall be construed as discharging, releasing, exculpating or relieving the Debtor, the Reorganized Debtor, or any person or entity in any capacity, from any liability or responsibility, if any, with respect to the Pension Plan under any law, governmental policy, or regulatory provision. PBGC and the Pension Plan shall not be enjoined or precluded from enforcing such liability or responsibility against any person or entity as a result of any of the provisions of the Plan, the Confirmation Order, or the Bankruptcy Code. The Debtor reserves the right to contest any such liability or responsibility.

# ARTICLE V. TREATMENT OF EXECUTORY CONTRACTS AND UNEXPIRED LEASES

# A. <u>Assumption, Assignment, or Rejection of Executory Contracts and Unexpired Leases</u>

Unless an Executory Contract or Unexpired Lease: (i) was previously assumed or rejected by the Debtor pursuant to a Final Order of the Bankruptcy Court entered prior to the Effective Date; (ii) previously expired or terminated pursuant to its own terms or by agreement of the parties thereto; (iii) is the subject of a motion to assume filed by the Debtor on or before the Confirmation Date; (iv) contains a change of control or similar provision that would be triggered by the Chapter 11 Case (unless such provision has been irrevocably waived); or (v) is specifically designated as a contract or lease to be assumed in the Plan Supplement, on the Effective Date, each Executory Contract and Unexpired Lease shall be deemed rejected pursuant to section 365 of the Bankruptcy Code, without the need for any further notice to or action, order, or approval of the Bankruptcy Court, unless such Executory Contract or Unexpired Lease is listed in the Plan Supplement.

At any time on or prior to the Effective Date, the Debtor may (i) amend the Plan Supplement in order to add or remove a contract or lease from the list of contracts to be assumed or (ii) assign (subject to applicable law) any Executory Contract or Unexpired Lease, as determined by the Debtor in consultation with the Committee, or the Reorganized Debtor, as applicable.

The Confirmation Order will constitute an order of the Bankruptcy Court approving the above-described assumptions, rejections, and assumptions and assignments. Except as otherwise provided herein or agreed to by the Debtor and the applicable counterparty, each assumed Executory Contract or Unexpired Lease shall include all modifications, amendments, supplements, restatements, or other agreements related thereto, and all rights related thereto. Modifications, amendments, supplements, and restatements to prepetition Executory Contracts and Unexpired Leases that have been executed by the Debtor during the Chapter 11 Case shall not be deemed to alter the prepetition nature of the Executory Contract or Unexpired Lease or the validity, priority, or amount of any Claims that may arise in connection therewith. To the extent applicable, no change of control (or similar provision) will be deemed to occur under any such Executory Contract or Unexpired Lease.

If certain, but not all, of a contract counterparty's Executory Contracts and/or Unexpired Leases are rejected pursuant to the Plan, the Confirmation Order shall be a determination that such counterparty's Executory Contracts and/or Unexpired Leases that are being assumed pursuant to the Plan are severable agreements that are not integrated with those Executory Contracts and/or Unexpired Leases that are being rejected pursuant to the Plan. Parties seeking to contest this finding with respect to their Executory Contracts and/or Unexpired Leases must file a timely objection to the Plan on the grounds that their agreements are integrated and not severable, and any such dispute shall be resolved by the Bankruptcy Court at the Confirmation Hearing (to the extent not resolved by the parties prior to the Confirmation Hearing).

Notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, the Debtor shall assume or reject that certain real property lease with Crescent TC Investors L.P. ("<u>Landlord</u>") for the Debtor's headquarters located at 200/300 Crescent Ct., Suite #700, Dallas, Texas 75201 (the "<u>Lease</u>") in accordance with the notice to Landlord, procedures and timing required by 11 U.S.C. §365(d)(4), as modified by that certain *Agreed Order Granting Motion to Extend Time to Assume or Reject Unexpired Nonresidential Real Property Lease* [Docket No. 1122].

# **B.** Claims Based on Rejection of Executory Contracts or Unexpired Leases

Any Executory Contract or Unexpired Lease not assumed or rejected on or before the Effective Date shall be deemed rejected, pursuant to the Confirmation Order. Any Person asserting a Rejection Claim shall File a proof of claim within thirty days of the Effective Date. Any Rejection Claims that are not timely Filed pursuant to this Plan shall be forever disallowed and barred. If one or more Rejection Claims are timely Filed, the Claimant Trustee may File an objection to any Rejection Claim.

Rejection Claims shall be classified as General Unsecured Claims and shall be treated in accordance with ARTICLE III of this Plan.

# C. <u>Cure of Defaults for Assumed or Assigned Executory Contracts and Unexpired Leases</u>

Any monetary amounts by which any Executory Contract or Unexpired Lease to be assumed or assigned hereunder is in default shall be satisfied, under section 365(b)(1) of the Bankruptcy Code, by the Debtor upon assumption or assignment thereof, by payment of the default amount in Cash as and when due in the ordinary course or on such other terms as the parties to such Executory Contracts may otherwise agree. The Debtor may serve a notice on the Committee and parties to Executory Contracts or Unexpired Leases to be assumed or assigned reflecting the Debtor's or Reorganized Debtor's intention to assume or assign the Executory Contract or Unexpired Lease in connection with this Plan and setting forth the proposed cure amount (if any).

If a dispute regarding (1) the amount of any payments to cure a default, (2) the ability of the Debtor, the Reorganized Debtor, or any assignee to provide "adequate assurance of future performance" (within the meaning of section 365 of the Bankruptcy Code) under the Executory Contract or Unexpired Lease to be assumed or assigned or (3) any other matter pertaining to assumption or assignment, the cure payments required by section 365(b)(1) of the Bankruptcy Code will be made following the entry of a Final Order or orders resolving the dispute and approving the assumption or assignment.

Assumption or assignment of any Executory Contract or Unexpired Lease pursuant to the Plan or otherwise and full payment of any applicable cure amounts pursuant to this ARTICLE V.C shall result in the full release and satisfaction of any cure amounts, Claims, or defaults, whether monetary or nonmonetary, including defaults of provisions restricting the change in control or ownership interest composition or other bankruptcy-related defaults, arising under any assumed or assigned Executory Contract or Unexpired Lease at any time prior to the effective date of assumption or assignment. Any and all Proofs of Claim based upon Executory Contracts

or Unexpired Leases that have been assumed or assigned in the Chapter 11 Case, including pursuant to the Confirmation Order, and for which any cure amounts have been fully paid pursuant to this ARTICLE V.C, shall be deemed disallowed and expunged as of the Effective Date without the need for any objection thereto or any further notice to or action, order, or approval of the Bankruptcy Court.

# ARTICLE VI. PROVISIONS GOVERNING DISTRIBUTIONS

#### A. Dates of Distributions

Except as otherwise provided in this Plan, on the Effective Date or as soon as reasonably practicable thereafter (or if a Claim is not an Allowed Claim or Equity Interest on the Effective Date, on the date that such Claim or Equity Interest becomes an Allowed Claim or Equity Interest, or as soon as reasonably practicable thereafter), each Holder of an Allowed Claim or Equity Interest against the Debtor shall receive the full amount of the distributions that this Plan provides for Allowed Claims or Allowed Equity Interests in the applicable Class and in the manner provided herein. If any payment or act under this Plan is required to be made or performed on a date that is not on a Business Day, then the making of such payment or the performance of such act may be completed on the next succeeding Business Day, but shall be deemed to have been completed as of the required date. If and to the extent there are Disputed Claims or Equity Interests, distributions on account of any such Disputed Claims or Equity Interests shall be made pursuant to the provisions provided in this Plan. Except as otherwise provided in this Plan, Holders of Claims and Equity Interests shall not be entitled to interest, dividends or accruals on the distributions provided for therein, regardless of whether distributions are delivered on or at any time after the Effective Date.

Upon the Effective Date, all Claims and Equity Interests against the Debtor shall be deemed fixed and adjusted pursuant to this Plan and none of the Debtor, the Reorganized Debtor, or the Claimant Trust will have liability on account of any Claims or Equity Interests except as set forth in this Plan and in the Confirmation Order. All payments and all distributions made by the Distribution Agent under this Plan shall be in full and final satisfaction, settlement and release of all Claims and Equity Interests against the Debtor and the Reorganized Debtor.

At the close of business on the Distribution Record Date, the transfer ledgers for the Claims against the Debtor and the Equity Interests in the Debtor shall be closed, and there shall be no further changes in the record holders of such Claims and Equity Interests. The Debtor, the Reorganized Debtor, the Trustees, and the Distribution Agent, and each of their respective agents, successors, and assigns shall have no obligation to recognize the transfer of any Claims against the Debtor or Equity Interests in the Debtor occurring after the Distribution Record Date and shall be entitled instead to recognize and deal for all purposes hereunder with only those record holders stated on the transfer ledgers as of the close of business on the Distribution Record Date irrespective of the number of distributions to be made under this Plan to such Persons or the date of such distributions.

# **B.** Distribution Agent

Except as provided herein, all distributions under this Plan shall be made by the Claimant Trustee, as Distribution Agent, or by such other Entity designated by the Claimant Trustee, as a Distribution Agent on the Effective Date or thereafter. The Reorganized Debtor will be the Distribution Agent with respect to Claims in Class 1 through Class 7.

The Claimant Trustee, or such other Entity designated by the Claimant Trustee to be the Distribution Agent, shall not be required to give any bond or surety or other security for the performance of such Distribution Agent's duties unless otherwise ordered by the Bankruptcy Court.

The Distribution Agent shall be empowered to (a) effect all actions and execute all agreements, instruments, and other documents necessary to perform its duties under this Plan; (b) make all distributions contemplated hereby; (c) employ professionals to represent it with respect to its responsibilities; and (d) exercise such other powers as may be vested in the Distribution Agent by order of the Bankruptcy Court, pursuant to this Plan, or as deemed by the Distribution Agent to be necessary and proper to implement the provisions hereof.

The Distribution Agent shall not have any obligation to make a particular distribution to a specific Holder of an Allowed Claim if such Holder is also the Holder of a Disputed Claim.

### C. Cash Distributions

Distributions of Cash may be made by wire transfer from a domestic bank, except that Cash payments made to foreign creditors may be made in such funds and by such means as the Distribution Agent determines are necessary or customary in a particular foreign jurisdiction.

# D. <u>Disputed Claims Reserve</u>

On or prior to the Initial Distribution Date, the Claimant Trustee shall establish, fund and maintain the Disputed Claims Reserve(s) in the appropriate Disputed Claims Reserve Amounts on account of any Disputed Claims.

### E. <u>Distributions from the Disputed Claims Reserve</u>

The Disputed Claims Reserve shall at all times hold Cash in an amount no less than the Disputed Claims Reserve Amount. To the extent a Disputed Claim becomes an Allowed Claim pursuant to the terms of this Plan, within 30 days of the date on which such Disputed Claim becomes an Allowed Claim pursuant to the terms of this Plan, the Claimant Trustee shall distribute from the Disputed Claims Reserve to the Holder thereof any prior distributions, in Cash, that would have been made to such Allowed Claim if it had been Allowed as of the Effective Date. For the avoidance of doubt, each Holder of a Disputed Claim that subsequently becomes an Allowed Claim will also receive its Pro Rata share of the Claimant Trust Interests. If, upon the resolution of all Disputed Claims any Cash remains in the Disputed Claims Reserve, such Cash shall be transferred to the Claimant Trust and be deemed a Claimant Trust Asset.

# F. Rounding of Payments

Whenever this Plan would otherwise call for, with respect to a particular Person, payment of a fraction of a dollar, the actual payment or distribution shall reflect a rounding of such fraction to the nearest whole dollar (up or down), with half dollars being rounded down. To the extent that Cash to be distributed under this Plan remains undistributed as a result of the aforementioned rounding, such Cash or stock shall be treated as "Unclaimed Property" under this Plan.

# G. <u>De Minimis</u> Distribution

Except as to any Allowed Claim that is Unimpaired under this Plan, none of the Debtor, the Reorganized Debtor, or the Distribution Agent shall have any obligation to make any Plan Distributions with a value of less than \$100, unless a written request therefor is received by the Distribution Agent from the relevant recipient at the addresses set forth in ARTICLE VI.J hereof within 120 days after the later of the (i) Effective Date and (ii) the date such Claim becomes an Allowed Claim. *De minimis* distributions for which no such request is timely received shall revert to the Claimant Trust. Upon such reversion, the relevant Allowed Claim (and any Claim on account of missed distributions) shall be automatically deemed satisfied, discharged and forever barred, notwithstanding any federal or state escheat laws to the contrary.

# H. <u>Distributions on Account of Allowed Claims</u>

Except as otherwise agreed by the Holder of a particular Claim or as provided in this Plan, all distributions shall be made pursuant to the terms of this Plan and the Confirmation Order. Except as otherwise provided in this Plan, distributions to any Holder of an Allowed Claim shall, to the extent applicable, be allocated first to the principal amount of any such Allowed Claim, as determined for U.S. federal income tax purposes and then, to the extent the consideration exceeds such amount, to the remainder of such Claim comprising accrued but unpaid interest, if any (but solely to the extent that interest is an allowable portion of such Allowed Claim).

### I. General Distribution Procedures

The Distribution Agent shall make all distributions of Cash or other property required under this Plan, unless this Plan specifically provides otherwise. All Cash and other property held by the Debtor, the Reorganized Debtor, or the Claimant Trust, as applicable, for ultimate distribution under this Plan shall not be subject to any claim by any Person.

#### J. Address for Delivery of Distributions

Distributions to Holders of Allowed Claims, to the extent provided for under this Plan, shall be made (1) at the addresses set forth in any written notices of address change delivered to the Debtor and the Distribution Agent; (2) at the address set forth on any Proofs of Claim Filed by such Holders (to the extent such Proofs of Claim are Filed in the Chapter 11 Case), (2), or (3) at the addresses in the Debtor's books and records.

If there is any conflict or discrepancy between the addresses set forth in (1) through (3) in the foregoing sentence, then (i) the address in Section (2) shall control; (ii) if (2) does not apply, the address in (1) shall control, and (iii) if (1) does not apply, the address in (3) shall control.

# K. Undeliverable Distributions and Unclaimed Property

If the distribution to the Holder of any Allowed Claim is returned to the Reorganized Debtor or the Claimant Trust as undeliverable, no further distribution shall be made to such Holder, and Distribution Agent shall not have any obligation to make any further distribution to the Holder, unless and until the Distribution Agent is notified in writing of such Holder's then current address.

Any Entity that fails to claim any Cash within six months from the date upon which a distribution is first made to such Entity shall forfeit all rights to any distribution under this Plan and such Cash shall thereafter be deemed an Claimant Trust Asset in all respects and for all purposes. Entities that fail to claim Cash shall forfeit their rights thereto and shall have no claim whatsoever against the Debtor's Estate, the Reorganized Debtor, the Claimant Trust, or against any Holder of an Allowed Claim to whom distributions are made by the Distribution Agent.

### L. Withholding Taxes

In connection with this Plan, to the extent applicable, the Distribution Agent shall comply with all tax withholding and reporting requirements imposed on them by any Governmental Unit, and all distributions made pursuant to this Plan shall be subject to such withholding and reporting requirements. The Distribution Agent shall be entitled to deduct any U.S. federal, state or local withholding taxes from any Cash payments made with respect to Allowed Claims, as appropriate. As a condition to receiving any distribution under this Plan, the Distribution Agent may require that the Holder of an Allowed Claim entitled to receive a distribution pursuant to this Plan provide such Holder's taxpayer identification number and such other information and certification as may be deemed necessary for the Distribution Agent to comply with applicable tax reporting and withholding laws. If a Holder fails to comply with such a request within one year, such distribution shall be deemed an unclaimed distribution. Any amounts withheld pursuant hereto shall be deemed to have been distributed to and received by the applicable recipient for all purposes of this Plan.

### M. Setoffs

The Distribution Agent may, to the extent permitted under applicable law, set off against any Allowed Claim and any distributions to be made pursuant to this Plan on account of such Allowed Claim, the claims, rights and causes of action of any nature that the Debtor, the Reorganized Debtor, or the Distribution Agent may hold against the Holder of such Allowed Claim that are not otherwise waived, released or compromised in accordance with this Plan; provided, however, that neither such a setoff nor the allowance of any Claim hereunder shall constitute a waiver or release by the Debtor, the Reorganized Debtor, or the Claimant Trustee of any such claims, rights and causes of action that the Debtor, the Reorganized Debtor, or Claimant Trustee possesses against such Holder. Any Holder of an Allowed Claim subject to

such setoff reserves the right to challenge any such setoff in the Bankruptcy Court or any other court with jurisdiction with respect to such challenge.

#### N. Surrender of Cancelled Instruments or Securities

As a condition precedent to receiving any distribution pursuant to this Plan on account of an Allowed Claim evidenced by negotiable instruments, securities, or notes canceled pursuant to ARTICLE IV of this Plan, the Holder of such Claim will tender the applicable negotiable instruments, securities, or notes evidencing such Claim (or a sworn affidavit identifying the negotiable instruments, securities, or notes formerly held by such Holder and certifying that they have been lost), to the Distribution Agent unless waived in writing by the Distribution Agent.

# O. Lost, Stolen, Mutilated or Destroyed Securities

In addition to any requirements under any applicable agreement and applicable law, any Holder of a Claim or Equity Interest evidenced by a security or note that has been lost, stolen, mutilated, or destroyed will, in lieu of surrendering such security or note to the extent required by this Plan, deliver to the Distribution Agent: (i) evidence reasonably satisfactory to the Distribution Agent of such loss, theft, mutilation, or destruction; and (ii) such security or indemnity as may be required by the Distribution Agent to hold such party harmless from any damages, liabilities, or costs incurred in treating such individual as a Holder of an Allowed Claim or Equity Interest. Upon compliance with ARTICLE VI.O of this Plan as determined by the Distribution Agent, by a Holder of a Claim evidenced by a security or note, such Holder will, for all purposes under this Plan, be deemed to have surrendered such security or note to the Distribution Agent.

# ARTICLE VII. PROCEDURES FOR RESOLVING CONTINGENT, UNLIQUIDATED AND DISPUTED CLAIMS

### A. Filing of Proofs of Claim

Unless such Claim appeared in the Schedules and is not listed as disputed, contingent, or unliquidated, or such Claim has otherwise been Allowed or paid, each Holder of a Claim was required to file a Proof of Claim on or prior to the Bar Date.

# B. <u>Disputed Claims</u>

Following the Effective Date, each of the Reorganized Debtor or the Claimant Trustee, as applicable, may File with the Bankruptcy Court an objection to the allowance of any Disputed Claim or Disputed Equity Interest or any other appropriate motion or adversary proceeding with respect thereto, which shall be litigated to Final Order or, at the discretion of the Reorganized Debtor or Claimant Trustee, as applicable, compromised, settled, withdrew or resolved without further order of the Bankruptcy Court, and (ii) unless otherwise provided in the Confirmation Order, the Reorganized Debtor or the Claimant Trust, as applicable, are authorized to settle, or withdraw any objections to, any Disputed Claim or Disputed Equity Interests following the Effective Date without further notice to creditors (other than the Entity holding such Disputed Claim or Disputed Equity Interest) or authorization of the Bankruptcy Court, in which event such

Claim or Equity Interest shall be deemed to be an Allowed Claim or Equity Interest in the amount compromised for purposes of this Plan.

### C. Procedures Regarding Disputed Claims or Disputed Equity Interests

No payment or other distribution or treatment shall be made on account of a Disputed Claim or Disputed Equity Interest unless and until such Disputed Claim or Disputed Equity Interest becomes an Allowed Claim or Equity Interests and the amount of such Allowed Claim or Equity Interest, as applicable, is determined by order of the Bankruptcy Court or by stipulation between the Reorganized Debtor or Claimant Trust, as applicable, and the Holder of the Claim or Equity Interest.

# **D.** Allowance of Claims and Equity Interests

Following the date on which a Disputed Claim or Disputed Equity Interest becomes an Allowed Claim or Equity Interest after the Distribution Date, the Distribution Agent shall make a distribution to the Holder of such Allowed Claim or Equity Interest in accordance with the Plan.

# 1. Allowance of Claims

After the Effective Date and subject to the other provisions of this Plan, the Reorganized Debtor or the Claimant Trust, as applicable, will have and will retain any and all rights and defenses under bankruptcy or nonbankruptcy law that the Debtor had with respect to any Claim. Except as expressly provided in this Plan or in any order entered in the Chapter 11 Case prior to the Effective Date (including, without limitation, the Confirmation Order), no Claim or Equity Interest will become an Allowed Claim or Equity Interest unless and until such Claim or Equity Interest is deemed Allowed under this Plan or the Bankruptcy Code or the Bankruptcy Court has entered an order, including, without limitation, the Confirmation Order, in the Chapter 11 Case allowing such Claim or Equity Interest.

#### 2. Estimation

Subject to the other provisions of this Plan, the Debtor, prior to the Effective Date, and the Reorganized Debtor or the Claimant Trustee, as applicable, after the Effective Date, may, at any time, request that the Bankruptcy Court estimate (a) any Disputed Claim or Disputed Equity Interest pursuant to applicable law and in accordance with this Plan and (b) any contingent or unliquidated Claim pursuant to applicable law, including, without limitation, section 502(c) of the Bankruptcy Code, and the Bankruptcy Court will retain jurisdiction under 28 U.S.C. §§ 157 and 1334 to estimate any Disputed Claim or Disputed Equity Interest, contingent Claim or unliquidated Claim, including during the litigation concerning any objection to any Claim or Equity Interest or during the pendency of any appeal relating to any such objection. All of the aforementioned objection, estimation and resolution procedures are cumulative and not exclusive of one another. Claims or Equity Interests may be estimated and subsequently compromised, settled, withdrawn or resolved by any mechanism approved by the Bankruptcy Court. The rights and objections of all parties are reserved in connection with any such estimation proceeding.

# 3. <u>Disallowance of Claims</u>

Any Claims or Equity Interests held by Entities from which property is recoverable under sections 542, 543, 550, or 553 of the Bankruptcy Code, or that are a transferee of a transfer avoidable under sections 522(f), 522(h), 544, 545, 547, 548, 549, or 724(a) of the Bankruptcy Code, shall be deemed disallowed pursuant to section 502(d) of the Bankruptcy Code, and holders of such Claims or Interests may not receive any distributions on account of such Claims or Interests until such time as such Causes of Action against that Entity have been settled or a Bankruptcy Court Order with respect thereto has been entered and all sums due, if any, to the Reorganized Debtor or the Claimant Trust, as applicable, by that Entity have been turned over or paid to the Reorganized Debtor or the Claimant Trust, as applicable.

EXCEPT AS OTHERWISE PROVIDED HEREIN OR AS AGREED TO BY THE DEBTOR, REORGANIZED DEBTOR, OR CLAIMANT TRUSTEE, AS APPLICABLE, ANY AND ALL PROOFS OF CLAIM FILED AFTER THE BAR DATE SHALL BE DEEMED DISALLOWED AND EXPUNGED AS OF THE EFFECTIVE DATE WITHOUT ANY FURTHER NOTICE TO OR ACTION, ORDER, OR APPROVAL OF THE BANKRUPTCY COURT, AND HOLDERS OF SUCH CLAIMS MAY NOT RECEIVE ANY DISTRIBUTIONS ON ACCOUNT OF SUCH CLAIMS, UNLESS SUCH LATE PROOF OF CLAIM HAS BEEN DEEMED TIMELY FILED BY A FINAL ORDER.

# ARTICLE VIII. EFFECTIVENESS OF THIS PLAN

#### A. <u>Conditions Precedent to the Effective Date</u>

The Effective Date of this Plan will be conditioned upon the satisfaction or waiver by the Debtor (and, to the extent such condition requires the consent of the Committee, the consent of the Committee with such consent not to be unreasonably withheld), pursuant to the provisions of ARTICLE VIII.B of this Plan of the following:

- This Plan and the Plan Documents, including the Claimant Trust Agreement and the Reorganized Limited Partnership Agreement, and all schedules, documents, supplements and exhibits to this Plan shall have been Filed in form and substance reasonably acceptable to the Debtor and the Committee.
- The Confirmation Order shall have been entered, not subject to stay pending appeal, and shall be in form and substance reasonably acceptable to the Debtor and the Committee. The Confirmation Order shall provide that, among other things, (i) the Debtor, the Reorganized Debtor, the Claimant Trustee, or the Litigation Trustee are authorized to take all actions necessary or appropriate to effectuate and consummate this Plan, including, without limitation, (a) entering into, implementing, effectuating, and consummating the contracts, instruments, releases, and other agreements or documents created in connection with or described in this Plan, (b) assuming the Executory Contracts and Unexpired Leases set forth in the Plan Supplement, (c) making all distributions and issuances as required under this Plan; and (d) entering

into any transactions as set forth in the Plan Documents; (ii) the provisions of the Confirmation Order and this Plan are nonseverable and mutually dependent; (iii) the implementation of this Plan in accordance with its terms is authorized; (iv) pursuant to section 1146 of the Bankruptcy Code, the delivery of any deed or other instrument or transfer order, in furtherance of, or in connection with this Plan, including any deeds, bills of sale, or assignments executed in connection with any disposition or transfer of Assets contemplated under this Plan, shall not be subject to any Stamp or Similar Tax; and (v) the vesting of the Claimant Trust Assets in the Claimant Trust and the Reorganized Debtor Assets in the Reorganized Debtor, in each case as of the Effective Date free and clear of liens and claims to the fullest extent permissible under applicable law pursuant to section 1141(c) of the Bankruptcy Code except with respect to such Liens, Claims, charges and other encumbrances that are specifically preserved under this Plan upon the Effective Date.

- All documents and agreements necessary to implement this Plan, including without limitation, the Reorganized Limited Partnership Agreement, the Claimant Trust Agreement, and the New GP LLC Documents, in each case in form and substance reasonably acceptable to the Debtor and the Committee, shall have (a) been tendered for delivery, and (b) been effected by, executed by, or otherwise deemed binding upon, all Entities party thereto and shall be in full force and effect. All conditions precedent to such documents and agreements shall have been satisfied or waived pursuant to the terms of such documents or agreements.
- All authorizations, consents, actions, documents, approvals (including any governmental approvals), certificates and agreements necessary to implement this Plan, including, without limitation, the Reorganized Limited Partnership Agreement, the Claimant Trust Agreement, and the New GP LLC Documents, shall have been obtained, effected or executed and delivered to the required parties and, to the extent required, filed with the applicable governmental units in accordance with applicable laws and any applicable waiting periods shall have expired without any action being taken or threatened by any competent authority that would restrain or prevent effectiveness or consummation of the Restructuring.
- The Professional Fee Reserve shall be funded pursuant to this Plan in an amount determined by the Debtor in good faith.

### **B.** Waiver of Conditions

The conditions to effectiveness of this Plan set forth in this ARTICLE VIII (other than that the Confirmation Order shall have been entered) may be waived in whole or in part by the Debtor (and, to the extent such condition requires the consent of the Committee, the consent of the Committee), without notice, leave or order of the Bankruptcy Court or any formal action other than proceeding to confirm or effectuate this Plan. The failure to satisfy or waive a condition to the Effective Date may be asserted by the Debtor regardless of the circumstances giving rise to the failure of such condition to be satisfied. The failure of the Debtor to exercise any of the foregoing rights will not be deemed a waiver of any other rights, and each right will be deemed an ongoing right that may be asserted at any time by the Debtor, the Reorganized

Debtor, or the Claimant Trust, as applicable.

# C. Effect of Non-Occurrence of Conditions to Effectiveness

Unless waived as set forth in ARTICLE VIII.B, if the Effective Date of this Plan does not occur within twenty calendar days of entry of the Confirmation Order, the Debtor may withdraw this Plan and, if withdrawn, the Plan shall be of no further force or effect.

# **D.** <u>Dissolution of the Committee</u>

On the Effective Date, the Committee will dissolve, and the members of the Committee and the Committee's Professionals will cease to have any role arising from or relating to the Chapter 11 Case, except in connection with final fee applications of Professionals for services rendered prior to the Effective Date (including the right to object thereto). The Professionals retained by the Committee and the members thereof will not be entitled to assert any fee claims for any services rendered to the Committee or expenses incurred in the service of the Committee after the Effective Date, except for reasonable fees for services rendered, and actual and necessary costs incurred, in connection with any applications for allowance of Professional Fees pending on the Effective Date or filed and served after the Effective Date pursuant to the Plan. Nothing in the Plan shall prohibit or limit the ability of the Debtor's or Committee's Professionals to represent either of the Trustees or to be compensated or reimbursed per the Plan and the Claimant Trust Agreement in connection with such representation.

# ARTICLE IX. EXCULPATION, INJUNCTION AND RELATED PROVISIONS

#### A. General

Notwithstanding anything contained in the Plan to the contrary, the allowance, classification and treatment of all Allowed Claims and Equity Interests and their respective distributions and treatments under the Plan shall take into account the relative priority and rights of the Claims and the Equity Interests in each Class in connection with any contractual, legal and equitable subordination rights relating thereto whether arising under general principles of equitable subordination, section 510 of the Bankruptcy Code, or otherwise.

### **B.** Discharge of Claims

To the fullest extent provided under section 1141(d)(1)(A) and other applicable provisions of the Bankruptcy Code, except as otherwise expressly provided by this Plan or the Confirmation Order, all consideration distributed under this Plan will be in exchange for, and in complete satisfaction, settlement, discharge, and release of, all Claims and Equity Interests of any kind or nature whatsoever against the Debtor or any of its Assets or properties, and regardless of whether any property will have been distributed or retained pursuant to this Plan on account of such Claims or Equity Interests. Except as otherwise expressly provided by this Plan or the Confirmation Order, upon the Effective Date, the Debtor and its Estate will be deemed discharged and released under and to the fullest extent provided under section 1141(d)(1)(A) and other applicable provisions of the Bankruptcy Code from any and all Claims and Equity Interests of any kind or nature whatsoever, including, but not limited to, demands and liabilities that arose

before the Confirmation Date, and all debts of the kind specified in section 502(g), 502(h), or 502(i) of the Bankruptcy Code.

#### C. Exculpation

Subject in all respects to ARTICLE XII.D of this Plan, to the maximum extent permitted by applicable law, no Exculpated Party will have or incur, and each Exculpated Party is hereby exculpated from, any claim, obligation, suit, judgment, damage, demand, debt, right, Cause of Action, remedy, loss, and liability for conduct occurring on or after the Petition Date in connection with or arising out of (i) the filing and administration of the Chapter 11 Case; (ii) the negotiation and pursuit of the Disclosure Statement, the Plan, or the solicitation of votes for, or confirmation of, the Plan; (iii) the funding or consummation of the Plan (including the Plan Supplement) or any related agreements, instruments, or other documents, the solicitation of votes on the Plan, the offer, issuance, and Plan Distribution of any securities issued or to be issued pursuant to the Plan, including the Claimant Trust Interests, whether or not such Plan Distributions occur following the Effective Date; (iv) the implementation of the Plan; and (v) any negotiations, transactions, and documentation in connection with the foregoing clauses (i)-(v); provided, however, the foregoing will not apply to (a) any acts or omissions of an Exculpated Party arising out of or related to acts or omissions that constitute bad faith, fraud, gross negligence, criminal misconduct, or willful misconduct or (b) Strand or any Employee other than with respect to actions taken by such Entities from the date of appointment of the Independent Directors through the Effective Date. This exculpation shall be in addition to, and not in limitation of, all other releases, indemnities, exculpations, any other applicable law or rules, or any other provisions of this Plan, including ARTICLE IV.C.2, protecting such Exculpated Parties from liability.

#### D. Releases by the Debtor

On and after the Effective Date, each Released Party is deemed to be, hereby conclusively, absolutely, unconditionally, irrevocably, and forever released and discharged by the Debtor and the Estate, in each case on behalf of themselves and their respective successors, assigns, and representatives, including, but not limited to, the Claimant Trust and the Litigation Sub-Trust from any and all Causes of Action, including any derivative claims, asserted on behalf of the Debtor, whether known or unknown, foreseen or unforeseen, matured or unmatured, existing or hereafter arising, in law, equity, contract, tort or otherwise, that the Debtor or the Estate would have been legally entitled to assert in their own right (whether individually or collectively) or on behalf of the holder of any Claim against, or Interest in, a Debtor or other Person.

Notwithstanding anything contained herein to the contrary, the foregoing release does not release: (i) any obligations of any party under the Plan or any document, instrument, or agreement executed to implement the Plan, (ii) the rights or obligations of any current employee of the Debtor under any employment agreement or plan, (iii) the rights of the Debtor with respect to any confidentiality provisions or covenants restricting competition in favor of the Debtor under any employment agreement with a current or former employee of the Debtor, (iv) any Avoidance Actions, or (v) any Causes of Action arising from willful misconduct, criminal

misconduct, actual fraud, or gross negligence of such applicable Released Party as determined by Final Order of the Bankruptcy Court or any other court of competent jurisdiction.

Notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, any release provided pursuant to this ARTICLE IX.D (i) with respect to a Senior Employee, is conditioned in all respects on (a) such Senior Employee executing a Senior Employee Stipulation on or prior to the Effective Date and (b) the reduction of such Senior Employee's Allowed Claim as set forth in the Senior Employee Stipulation (such amount, the "Reduced Employee Claim"), and (ii) with respect to any Employee, including a Senior Employee, shall be deemed null and void and of no force and effect (1) if there is more than one member of the Claimant Trust Oversight Committee who does not represent entities holding a Disputed or Allowed Claim (the "Independent Members"), the Claimant Trustee and the Independent Members by majority vote determine or (2) if there is only one Independent Member, the Independent Member after discussion with the Claimant Trustee, determines (in each case after discussing with the full Claimant Trust Oversight Committee) that such Employee (regardless of whether the Employee is then currently employed by the Debtor, the Reorganized Debtor, or the Claimant Trustee):

- sues, attempts to sue, or threatens or works with or assists any entity or person to sue, attempt to sue, or threaten the Reorganized Debtor, the Claimant Trust, the Litigation Sub-Trust, or any of their respective employees or agents, or any Released Party on or in connection with any claim or cause of action arising prior to the Effective Date,
- has taken any action that, impairs or harms the value of the Claimant Trust Assets or the Reorganized Debtor Assets, or
- (x) upon the request of the Claimant Trustee, has failed to provide reasonable assistance in good faith to the Claimant Trustee or the Reorganized Debtor with respect to (1) the monetization of the Claimant Trust Assets or Reorganized Debtor Assets, as applicable, or (2) the resolution of Claims, or (y) has taken any action that impedes or frustrates the Claimant Trustee or the Reorganized Debtor with respect to any of the foregoing.

*Provided, however,* that the release provided pursuant to this ARTICLE IX.D will vest and the Employee will be indefeasibly released pursuant to this ARTICLE IX.D if such Employee's release has not been deemed null and void and of no force and effect on or prior to the date that is the date of dissolution of the Claimant Trust pursuant to the Claimant Trust Agreement.

By executing the Senior Employee Stipulation embodying this release, each Senior Employee acknowledges and agrees, without limitation, to the terms of this release and the tolling agreement contained in the Senior Employee Stipulation.

The provisions of this release and the execution of a Senior Employee Stipulation will not in any way prevent or limit any Employee from (i) prosecuting its Claims, if any, against the Debtor's Estate, (ii) defending him or herself against any claims or causes of action brought against the Employee by a third party, or (iii) assisting other persons in defending themselves from any Estate Claims brought by the Litigation Trustee (but only with respect to Estate Claims

brought by the Litigation Trustee and not collection or other actions brought by the Claimant Trustee).

# E. Preservation of Rights of Action

### 1. Maintenance of Causes of Action

Except as otherwise provided in this Plan, after the Effective Date, the Reorganized Debtor or the Claimant Trust will retain all rights to commence, pursue, litigate or settle, as appropriate, any and all Causes of Action included in the Reorganized Debtor Assets or Claimant Trust Assets, as applicable, whether existing as of the Petition Date or thereafter arising, in any court or other tribunal including, without limitation, in an adversary proceeding Filed in the Chapter 11 Case and, as the successors in interest to the Debtor and the Estate, may, and will have the exclusive right to, enforce, sue on, settle, compromise, transfer or assign (or decline to do any of the foregoing) any or all of the Causes of Action without notice to or approval from the Bankruptcy Court.

# 2. Preservation of All Causes of Action Not Expressly Settled or Released

Unless a Cause of Action against a Holder of a Claim or an Equity Interest or other Entity is expressly waived, relinquished, released, compromised or settled in this Plan or any Final Order (including, without limitation, the Confirmation Order), such Cause of Action is expressly reserved for later adjudication by the Reorganized Debtor or Claimant Trust, as applicable (including, without limitation, Causes of Action not specifically identified or of which the Debtor may presently be unaware or that may arise or exist by reason of additional facts or circumstances unknown to the Debtor at this time or facts or circumstances that may change or be different from those the Debtor now believes to exist) and, therefore, no preclusion doctrine, including, without limitation, the doctrines of res judicata, collateral estoppel, issue preclusion, claim preclusion, waiver, estoppel (judicial, equitable or otherwise) or laches will apply to such Causes of Action as a consequence of the confirmation, effectiveness, or consummation of this Plan based on the Disclosure Statement, this Plan or the Confirmation Order, except where such Causes of Action have been expressly released in this Plan or any other Final Order (including, without limitation, the Confirmation Order). In addition, the right of the Reorganized Debtor or the Claimant Trust to pursue or adopt any claims alleged in any lawsuit in which the Debtor is a plaintiff, defendant or an interested party, against any Entity, including, without limitation, the plaintiffs or co-defendants in such lawsuits, is expressly reserved.

### F. Injunction

Upon entry of the Confirmation Order, all holders of Claims and Equity Interests and other parties in interest, along with their respective Related Persons, shall be enjoined from taking any actions to interfere with the implementation or consummation of the Plan.

Except as expressly provided in the Plan, the Confirmation Order, or a separate order of the Bankruptcy Court, all Entities who have held, hold, or may hold Claims against or Equity Interests in the Debtor (whether proof of such Claims or Equity Interests has been filed or not and whether or not such Entities vote in favor of, against or abstain from voting on the Plan or are presumed to have accepted or deemed to have rejected the Plan) and other parties in interest,

along with their respective Related Persons, are permanently enjoined, on and after the Effective Date, with respect to such Claims and Equity Interests, from (i) commencing, conducting, or continuing in any manner, directly or indirectly, any suit, action, or other proceeding of any kind (including any proceeding in a judicial, arbitral, administrative or other forum) against or affecting the Debtor, the Independent Directors, the Reorganized Debtor, or the Claimant Trust or the property of any of the Debtor, the Independent Directors, the Reorganized Debtor, or the Claimant Trust, (ii) enforcing, levying, attaching (including any prejudgment attachment), collecting, or otherwise recovering by any manner or means, whether directly or indirectly, any judgment, award, decree, or order against the Debtor, the Independent Directors, the Reorganized Debtor, or the Claimant Trust or the property of any of the Debtor, the Independent Directors, the Reorganized Debtor, or the Claimant Trust, (iii) creating, perfecting, or otherwise enforcing in any manner, directly or indirectly, any encumbrance of any kind against the Debtor, the Independent Directors, the Reorganized Debtor, or the Claimant Trust or the property of any of the Debtor, the Independent Directors, the Reorganized Debtor, or the Claimant Trust, (iv) asserting any right of setoff, directly or indirectly, against any obligation due from the Debtor, the Independent Directors, the Reorganized Debtor, or the Claimant Trust or against property or interests in property of any of the Debtor, the Independent Directors, the Reorganized Debtor, or the Claimant Trust; and (v) acting or proceeding in any manner, in any place whatsoever, that does not conform to or comply with the provisions of the Plan.

The injunctions set forth herein shall extend to any successors of the Debtor, the Reorganized Debtor, and the Claimant Trust and their respective property and interests in property.

Subject in all respects to ARTICLE XII.D, no Entity may commence or pursue a claim or cause of action of any kind against any Protected Party that arose from or is related to the Chapter 11 Case, the negotiation of this Plan, the administration of the Plan or property to be distributed under the Plan, the wind down of the business of the Debtor or Reorganized Debtor, the administration of the Claimant Trust, or the transactions in furtherance of the foregoing without the Bankruptcy Court (i) first determining, after notice, that such claim or cause of action represents a colorable claim of bad faith, criminal misconduct, willful misconduct, fraud, or gross negligence against a Protected Party and (ii) specifically authorizing such Entity to bring such claim against any such Protected Party; provided, however, the foregoing will not apply to Strand or any Employee other than with respect to actions taken by such Entities from the date of appointment of the Independent Directors through the Effective Date. As set forth in ARTICLE XI, the Bankruptcy Court will have sole jurisdiction to adjudicate any such claim for which approval of the Bankruptcy Court to commence or pursue has been granted.

# **G.** Term of Injunctions or Stavs

Unless otherwise provided in this Plan, the Confirmation Order, or in a Final Order of the Bankruptcy Court, all injunctions or stays arising under or entered during the Chapter 11 Case under section 105 or 362 of the Bankruptcy Code, or otherwise, and in existence on the Confirmation Date, shall remain in full force and effect until the later of the Effective Date and the date indicated in the order providing for such injunction or stay.

### H. Continuance of January 9 Order

Unless otherwise provided in this Plan, the Confirmation Order, or in a Final Order of the Bankruptcy Court, the restrictions set forth in paragraphs 9 and 10 of the *Order Approving Settlement with Official Committee of Unsecured Creditors Regarding Governance of the Debtor and Procedures for Operations in the Ordinary Course*, entered by the Bankruptcy Court on January 9, 2020 [D.I. 339] shall remain in full force and effect following the Effective Date until the dissolution of each of the Claimant Trust and the Litigation Trust.

### ARTICLE X. BINDING NATURE OF PLAN

On the Effective Date, and effective as of the Effective Date, the Plan, including, without limitation, the provisions in ARTICLE IX, will bind, and will be deemed binding upon, all Holders of Claims against and Equity Interests in the Debtor and such Holder's respective successors and assigns, to the maximum extent permitted by applicable law, notwithstanding whether or not such Holder will receive or retain any property or interest in property under the Plan. All Claims and Debts shall be fixed and adjusted pursuant to this Plan. The Plan shall also bind any taxing authority, recorder of deeds, or similar official for any county, state, Governmental Unit or parish in which any instrument related to the Plan or related to any transaction contemplated thereby is to be recorded with respect to nay taxes of the kind specified in Bankruptcy Code section 1146(a).

### ARTICLE XI. RETENTION OF JURISDICTION

Pursuant to sections 105 and 1142 of the Bankruptcy Code and notwithstanding the entry of the Confirmation Order and the occurrence of the Effective Date, the Bankruptcy Court shall, after the Effective Date, retain such jurisdiction over the Chapter 11 Case and all Entities with respect to all matters related to the Chapter 11 Case, the Reorganized Debtor, the Claimant Trust, and this Plan as legally permissible, including, without limitation, jurisdiction to:

- allow, disallow, determine, liquidate, classify, estimate or establish the priority, secured, unsecured, or subordinated status of any Claim or Equity Interest, including, without limitation, the resolution of any request for payment of any Administrative Expense Claim and the resolution of any and all objections to the allowance or priority of any Claim or Equity Interest;
- grant or deny any applications for allowance of compensation or reimbursement of expenses authorized pursuant to the Bankruptcy Code or this Plan, for periods ending on or before the Effective Date; *provided*, *however*, that, from and after the Effective Date, the Reorganized Debtor shall pay Professionals in the ordinary course of business for any work performed after the Effective Date subject to the terms of this Plan and the Confirmation Order, and such payment shall not be subject to the approval of the Bankruptcy Court;

- resolve any matters related to the assumption, assignment or rejection of any Executory Contract or Unexpired Lease to which the Debtor is party or with respect to which the Debtor, Reorganized Debtor, or Claimant Trust may be liable and to adjudicate and, if necessary, liquidate, any Claims arising therefrom, including, without limitation, any dispute regarding whether a contract or lease is or was executory or expired;
- make any determination with respect to a claim or cause of action against a Protected Party as set forth in ARTICLE IX;
- resolve any claim or cause of action against an Exculpated Party or Protected Party arising from or related to the Chapter 11 Case, the negotiation of this Plan, the administration of the Plan or property to be distributed under the Plan, the wind down of the business of the Debtor or Reorganized Debtor, or the transactions in furtherance of the foregoing;
- if requested by the Reorganized Debtor or the Claimant Trustee, authorize, approve, and allow any sale, disposition, assignment or other transfer of the Reorganized Debtor Assets or Claimant Trust Assets, including any break-up compensation or expense reimbursement that may be requested by a purchaser thereof; provided, however, that neither the Reorganized Debtor nor the Claimant Trustee shall be required to seek such authority or approval from the Bankruptcy Court unless otherwise specifically required by this Plan or the Confirmation Order;
- if requested by the Reorganized Debtor or the Claimant Trustee, authorize, approve, and allow any borrowing or the incurrence of indebtedness, whether secured or unsecured by the Reorganized Debtor or Claimant Trust; *provided, however*, that neither the Reorganized Debtor nor the Claimant Trustee shall be required to seek such authority or approval from the Bankruptcy Court unless otherwise specifically required by this Plan or the Confirmation Order;
- resolve any issues related to any matters adjudicated in the Chapter 11 Case;
- ensure that distributions to Holders of Allowed Claims and Allowed Equity Interests are accomplished pursuant to the provisions of this Plan;
- decide or resolve any motions, adversary proceedings, contested or litigated matters and any other Causes of Action (including Estate Claims) that are pending as of the Effective Date or that may be commenced in the future, including approval of any settlements, compromises, or other resolutions as may be requested by the Debtor, the Reorganized Debtor, the Claimant Trustee, or the Litigation Trustee whether under Bankruptcy Rule 9019 or otherwise, and grant or deny any applications involving the Debtor that may be pending on the Effective Date or instituted by the Reorganized Debtor, the Claimant Trustee, or Litigation Trustee after the Effective Date, provided that the Reorganized Debtor, the Claimant Trustee, and the Litigation Trustee shall reserve the right to commence actions in all appropriate forums and jurisdictions;

- enter such orders as may be necessary or appropriate to implement, effectuate, or consummate the provisions of this Plan, the Plan Documents, and all other contracts, instruments, releases, and other agreements or documents adopted in connection with this Plan, the Plan Documents, or the Disclosure Statement;
- resolve any cases, controversies, suits or disputes that may arise in connection with the implementation, effectiveness, consummation, interpretation, or enforcement of this Plan or any Entity's obligations incurred in connection with this Plan;
- issue injunctions and enforce them, enter and implement other orders or take such other actions as may be necessary or appropriate to restrain interference by any Entity with implementation, effectiveness, consummation, or enforcement of this Plan, except as otherwise provided in this Plan;
- enforce the terms and conditions of this Plan and the Confirmation Order;
- resolve any cases, controversies, suits or disputes with respect to the release, exculpation, indemnification, and other provisions contained herein and enter such orders or take such others actions as may be necessary or appropriate to implement or enforce all such releases, injunctions and other provisions;
- enter and implement such orders or take such others actions as may be necessary or appropriate if the Confirmation Order is modified, stayed, reversed, revoked or vacated;
- resolve any other matters that may arise in connection with or relate to this Plan, the Disclosure Statement, the Confirmation Order, the Plan Documents, or any contract, instrument, release, indenture or other agreement or document adopted in connection with this Plan or the Disclosure Statement; and
- enter an order concluding or closing the Chapter 11 Case after the Effective Date.

### ARTICLE XII. MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS

### A. Payment of Statutory Fees and Filing of Reports

All outstanding Statutory Fees shall be paid on the Effective Date. All such fees payable, and all such fees that become due and payable, after the Effective Date shall be paid by the Reorganized Debtor when due or as soon thereafter as practicable until the Chapter 11 Case is closed, converted, or dismissed. The Claimant Trustee shall File all quarterly reports due prior to the Effective Date when they become due, in a form reasonably acceptable to the U.S. Trustee. After the Effective Date, the Claimant Trustee shall File with the Bankruptcy Court quarterly reports when they become due, in a form reasonably acceptable to the U.S. Trustee. The Reorganized Debtor shall remain obligated to pay Statutory Fees to the Office of the U.S. Trustee until the earliest of the Debtor's case being closed, dismissed, or converted to a case under chapter 7 of the Bankruptcy Code.

### **B.** Modification of Plan

Effective as of the date hereof and subject to the limitations and rights contained in this Plan: (a) the Debtor reserves the right, in accordance with the Bankruptcy Code and the Bankruptcy Rules, to amend or modify this Plan prior to the entry of the Confirmation Order with the consent of the Committee, such consent not to be unreasonably withheld; and (b) after the entry of the Confirmation Order, the Debtor may, after notice and hearing and entry of an order of the Bankruptcy Court, amend or modify this Plan, in accordance with section 1127(b) of the Bankruptcy Code or remedy any defect or omission or reconcile any inconsistency in this Plan in such manner as may be necessary to carry out the purpose and intent of this Plan.

### C. Revocation of Plan

The Debtor reserves the right to revoke or withdraw this Plan prior to the Confirmation Date and to File a subsequent chapter 11 plan with the consent of the Committee. If the Debtor revokes or withdraws this Plan prior to the Confirmation Date, then: (i) this Plan shall be null and void in all respects; (ii) any settlement or compromise embodied in this Plan, assumption of Executory Contracts or Unexpired Leases effected by this Plan and any document or agreement executed pursuant hereto shall be deemed null and void except as may be set forth in a separate order entered by the Bankruptcy Court; and (iii) nothing contained in this Plan shall: (a) constitute a waiver or release of any Claims by or against, or any Equity Interests in, the Debtor or any other Entity; (b) prejudice in any manner the rights of the Debtor or any other Entity; or (c) constitute an admission, acknowledgement, offer or undertaking of any sort by the Debtor or any other Entity.

### D. Obligations Not Changed

Notwithstanding anything in this Plan to the contrary, nothing herein will affect or otherwise limit or release any non-Debtor Entity's (including any Exculpated Party's) duties or obligations, including any contractual and indemnification obligations, to the Debtor, the Reorganized Debtor, or any other Entity whether arising under contract, statute, or otherwise.

### E. Entire Agreement

Except as otherwise described herein, this Plan supersedes all previous and contemporaneous negotiations, promises, covenants, agreements, understandings, and representations on such subjects, all of which have become merged and integrated into this Plan.

### F. Closing of Chapter 11 Case

The Claimant Trustee shall, after the Effective Date and promptly after the full administration of the Chapter 11 Case, File with the Bankruptcy Court all documents required by Bankruptcy Rule 3022 and any applicable order of the Bankruptcy Court to close the Chapter 11 Case.

### G. Successors and Assigns

This Plan shall be binding upon and inure to the benefit of the Debtor and its successors and assigns, including, without limitation, the Reorganized Debtor and the Claimant Trustee. The rights, benefits, and obligations of any Person or Entity named or referred to in this Plan shall be binding on, and shall inure to the benefit of, any heir, executor, administrator, successor, or assign of such Person or Entity.

### H. Reservation of Rights

Except as expressly set forth herein, this Plan shall have no force or effect unless and until the Bankruptcy Court enters the Confirmation Order and the Effective Date occurs. Neither the filing of this Plan, any statement or provision contained herein, nor the taking of any action by the Debtor, the Reorganized Debtor, the Claimant Trustee, or any other Entity with respect to this Plan shall be or shall be deemed to be an admission or waiver of any rights of: (1) the Debtor, the Reorganized Debtor, or the Claimant Trustee with respect to the Holders of Claims or Equity Interests or other Entity; or (2) any Holder of a Claim or an Equity Interest or other Entity prior to the Effective Date.

Neither the exclusion or inclusion by the Debtor of any contract or lease on any exhibit, schedule, or other annex to this Plan or in the Plan Documents, nor anything contained in this Plan, will constitute an admission by the Debtor that any such contract or lease is or is not an executory contract or lease or that the Debtor, the Reorganized Debtor, the Claimant Trustee, or their respective Affiliates has any liability thereunder.

Except as explicitly provided in this Plan, nothing herein shall waive, excuse, limit, diminish, or otherwise alter any of the defenses, claims, Causes of Action, or other rights of the Debtor, the Reorganized Debtor, or the Claimant Trustee under any executory or non-executory contract.

Nothing in this Plan will increase, augment, or add to any of the duties, obligations, responsibilities, or liabilities of the Debtor, the Reorganized Debtor, or the Claimant Trustee, as applicable, under any executory or non-executory contract or lease.

If there is a dispute regarding whether a contract or lease is or was executory at the time of its assumption under this Plan, the Debtor, the Reorganized Debtor, or the Claimant Trustee, as applicable, shall have thirty (30) days following entry of a Final Order resolving such dispute to alter their treatment of such contract.

### I. Further Assurances

The Debtor, the Reorganized Debtor, or the Claimant Trustee, as applicable, all Holders of Claims and Equity Interests receiving distributions hereunder, and all other Entities shall, from time to time, prepare, execute and deliver any agreements or documents and take any other actions as may be necessary or advisable to effectuate the provisions and intent of this Plan or the Confirmation Order. On or before the Effective Date, the Debtor shall File with the Bankruptcy Court all agreements and other documents that may be necessary or appropriate to effectuate and further evidence the terms and conditions hereof.

### J. Severability

If, prior to the Confirmation Date, any term or provision of this Plan is determined by the Bankruptcy Court to be invalid, void, or unenforceable, the Bankruptcy Court will have the power to alter and interpret such term or provision to make it valid or enforceable to the maximum extent practicable, consistent with the original purpose of the term or provision held to be invalid, void, or unenforceable, and such term or provision will then be applicable as altered or interpreted. Notwithstanding any such holding, alteration or interpretation, the remainder of the terms and provisions of this Plan will remain in full force and effect and will in no way be affected, impaired, or invalidated by such holding, alteration, or interpretation. The Confirmation Order will constitute a judicial determination and will provide that each term and provision of this Plan, as it may have been altered or interpreted in accordance with the foregoing, is valid and enforceable pursuant to its terms.

### **K.** <u>Service of Documents</u>

All notices, requests, and demands to or upon the Debtor, the Reorganized Debtor, or the Claimant Trustee to be effective shall be in writing and, unless otherwise expressly provided herein, shall be deemed to have been duly given or made when actually delivered addressed as follows:

### **If to the Claimant Trust:**

Highland Claimant Trust c/o Highland Capital Management, L.P. 300 Crescent Court, Suite 700 Dallas, Texas 75201 Attention: James P. Seery, Jr.

### If to the Debtor:

Highland Capital Management, L.P. 300 Crescent Court, Suite 700 Dallas, Texas 75201 Attention: James P. Seery, Jr.

### with copies to:

Pachulski Stang Ziehl & Jones LLP 10100 Santa Monica Blvd., 13th Floor Los Angeles, CA 90067 Telephone: (310) 277-6910 Facsimile: (310) 201-0760 Attn: Jeffrey N. Pomerantz, Esq.

Ira D. Kharasch, Esq. Gregory V. Demo, Esq.

### If to the Reorganized Debtor:

Highland Capital Management, L.P. 300 Crescent Court, Suite 700 Dallas, Texas 75201 Attention: James P. Seery, Jr.

with copies to:

Pachulski Stang Ziehl & Jones LLP 10100 Santa Monica Blvd., 13th Floor Los Angeles, CA 90067 Attn: Jeffrey N. Pomerantz, Esq. Ira D. Kharasch, Esq. Gregory V. Demo, Esq.

### L. <u>Exemption from Certain Transfer Taxes Pursuant to Section 1146(a) of the Bankruptcy Code</u>

To the extent permitted by applicable law, pursuant to section 1146(a) of the Bankruptcy Code, any transfers of property pursuant hereto shall not be subject to any Stamp or Similar Tax or governmental assessment in the United States, and the Confirmation Order shall direct the appropriate federal, state or local governmental officials or agents or taxing authority to forego the collection of any such Stamp or Similar Tax or governmental assessment and to accept for filing and recordation instruments or other documents pursuant to such transfers of property without the payment of any such Stamp or Similar Tax or governmental assessment. Such exemption specifically applies, without limitation, to (i) all actions, agreements and documents necessary to evidence and implement the provisions of and the distributions to be made under this Plan; (ii) the maintenance or creation of security or any Lien as contemplated by this Plan; and (iii) assignments, sales, or transfers executed in connection with any transaction occurring under this Plan.

### M. Governing Law

Except to the extent that the Bankruptcy Code, the Bankruptcy Rules or other federal law is applicable, or to the extent that an exhibit or schedule to this Plan provides otherwise, the rights and obligations arising under this Plan shall be governed by, and construed and enforced in accordance with, the laws of Texas, without giving effect to the principles of conflicts of law of such jurisdiction; *provided, however*, that corporate governance matters relating to the Debtor, the Reorganized Debtor, New GP LLC, or the Claimant Trust, as applicable, shall be governed by the laws of the state of organization of the Debtor, the Reorganized Debtor, New GP LLC, or the Claimant Trustee, as applicable.

### N. <u>Tax Reporting and Compliance</u>

The Debtor is hereby authorized to request an expedited determination under section 505(b) of the Bankruptcy Code of the tax liability of the Debtor is for all taxable periods ending after the Petition Date through, and including, the Effective Date.

### O. Exhibits and Schedules

All exhibits and schedules to this Plan, if any, including the Exhibits and the Plan Documents, are incorporated and are a part of this Plan as if set forth in full herein.

### P. Controlling Document

In the event of an inconsistency between this Plan and any other instrument or document created or executed pursuant to this Plan, or between this Plan and the Disclosure Statement, this Plan shall control. The provisions of this Plan, the Disclosure Statement, and any Plan Document, on the one hand, and of the Confirmation Order, on the other hand, shall be construed in a manner consistent with each other so as to effectuate the purposes of each; *provided, however*, that if there is determined to be any inconsistency between any provision of this Plan, the Disclosure Statement, and any Plan Document, on the one hand, and any provision of the Confirmation Order, on the other hand, that cannot be so reconciled, then, solely to the extent of such inconsistency, the provisions of the Confirmation Order shall govern, and any such provisions of the Confirmation Order shall be deemed a modification of this Plan, the Disclosure Statement, and the Plan Documents, as applicable.

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Dated: November 24, 2020

Respectfully submitted,

HIGHLAND CAPITAL MANAGEMENT, L.P.

By:

James P. Seery, Jr.

Chief Executive Officer and Chief

Restructuring Officer

Prepared by:

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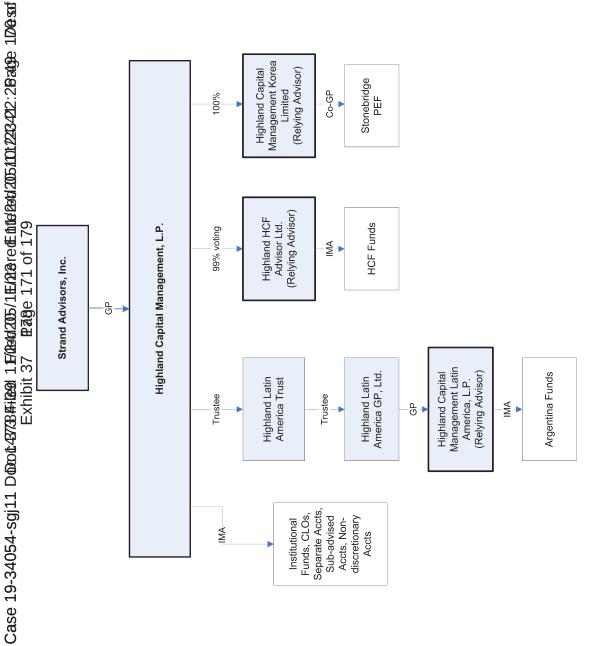
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Counsel for the Debtor and Debtor-in-Possession

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### **EXHIBIT B**

### ORGANIZATIONAL CHART OF THE DEBTOR



### **EXHIBIT C**

### LIQUIDATION ANALYSIS/FINANCIAL PROJECTIONS

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Highland Capital Management, L.P. **Disclaimer For Financial Projections** 

"Company"). These Projections have been prepared by DSI with input from management at the Company. The historical information utilized in these This document includes financial projections for July 2020 through December 2022 (the "Projections") for Highland Capital Management, L.P. Projections has not been audited or reviewed for accuracy by DSI.

performance. These estimates and forecasts contain significant elements of subjective judgment and analysis that may or may not prove to be accurate This Memorandum includes certain statements, estimates and forecasts provided by the Company with respect to the Company's anticipated future or correct. There can be no assurance that these statements, estimates and forecasts will be attained and actual outcomes and results may differ materially from what is estimated or forecast herein.

These Projections should not be regarded as a representation of DSI that the projected results will be achieved.

Management may update or supplement these Projections in the future, however, DSI expressly disclaims any obligation to update its report.

These Projections were not prepared with a view toward compliance with published guidelines of the Securities and Exchange Commission or the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants regarding historical financial statements, projections or forecasts.

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### Highland Capital Management, L.P. Statement of Assumptions

- A. Plan effective date is January 31, 2021.
- B. All investment assets are sold by December 31, 2022.
- C. All demand notes are collected in the year 2021
- D. All notes receivable with maturity dates beyond 12/31/2022 are sold in Q4 2022; in the
  - interim interest income and principal payments are collected as they become due.
    - E. Fixed assets used in daily business operations are sold in February 2021
- F. Accrual for employee bonuses as of January 2021 are reversed and not paid.
- G. All Management advisory or shared service contracts are terminated on their terms by the effective date or shortly thereafter
- H. Post-effective date, the reorganized Debtor would retain three HCMLP employees as contractors to help monetize the remaining assets.
- Litigation Trustee budget is \$6,500,000.
- J. Unrealized gains or losses are not recorded on a monthly basis; all gains or losses are recorded as realized gains or losses upon sale of asset.
- K. Plan does not provide for payment of interest to Class 8 holders of general unsecured claims, as set forth in the Plan. If holders of general unsecured claims receive 100% of their allowed claims, they would then be entitled to receive interest at the federal judgement rate, prior to any funds being available for claims or interest of junior priority.
- L. Plan assumes zero allowed claims for UBS, IFA, the HarbourVest entities (collectively "HV") and Hunter Mountain Investment Trust ("HM").

M. Claim amounts listed in Plan vs. Liquidation schedule are subject to change; claim amounts in Class 8 assume \$0 for UBS, IFA, HM and HV.

- Assumes RCP claims will offset against HCMLP's interest in fund and will not be paid from Debtor assets
- N. With the exception of Class 2 Frontier, Classes 1-7 will be paid in full within 30 days of effective date.
- O. Class 7 payout limited to 85% of each individual creditor claim or in the aggregate \$13.15 million. Plan currently projects Class 7 payout of \$9.96 million.
  - P. See below for Class 8 estimated payout schedule; payout is subject to certain assets being monetized by payout date:
- By September 30, 2021 \$50,000,000
- By March 31, 2022 additional \$50,000,000
- By June 30, 2022 additional \$25,000,000
- All remaining proceeds are assumed to be paid out on or soon after all remaining assets are monetized.

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Highland Capital Management, L.P. Plan Analysis Vs. Liquidation Analysis (US \$000's)

	Plan Analysis	Liquidation Analysis
Estimated cash on hand at 1/31/2020	\$ 25,076 \$	\$ 25,076
Estimated proceeds from monetization of assets [1][2]	190,445	149,197
Estimated expenses through final distribution[1][3]	(33,642)	(36,232)
Total estimated \$ available for distribution	181,879	138,042
Less: Claims paid in full		
Unclassified [4]	(1,078)	(1,078)
Administrative claims [5]	(10,574)	(10,574)
Class 1 - Jefferies Secured Claim	1	ı
Class 2 - Frontier Secured Claim [6]	(5,463)	(5,463)
Class 3 - Other Secured Claims	(551)	(551)
Class 4 – Priority Non-Tax Claims	(16)	(16)
Class 5 - Retained Employee Claims	ı	ı
Class 6 - PTO Claims	ı	ı
Class 7 – Convenience Claims [7][8][9]	(10,255)	1
Subtotal —	(27,937)	(17,682)
Estimated amount remaining for distribution to general unsecured claims	153,942	120,359
Class 8 – General Unsecured Claims [8][10]	176,049	192,258
Subtotal	176,049	192,258
% Distribution to general unsecured claims	87.44%	62.60%
Estimated amount remaining for distribution	1	•
Class 9 – Subordinated Claims	no distribution	no distribution
Class 10 – Class B/C Limited Partnership Interests	no distribution	no distribution
Class 11 – Class A Limited Partnership Interest	no distribution	no distribution

### cotnotes:

[1] Assumes chapter 7 Trustee will not be able to achieve same sales proceeds as Claimant Trustee

Assumes Chapter 7 Trustee engages new professionals to help liquidate assets

[2] Sale of investment assets, sale of fixed assets, collection of accounts receivable and interest receivable

[3] Estimated expenses through final distribution exclude non-cash expenses:

Depreciation of \$462 thousand in 2021

[4] Unclassified claims include payments for priority tax claims and settlements with previously approved by the Bankruptcy Court

[5] Represents \$4.7 million in unpaid professional fees and \$4.5 million in timing of payments to vendors

[6] Debtor will pay all unpaid interest estimated at \$253 thousand of Frontier on effective date and continue to pay interest quarterly at 5.25% until Frontier's collateral is sold [7] Claims payout limited to 85% of each individual creditor claim or limited to a total class payout of \$13.15 million

[8] Class 7 includes \$1.1 million estimate for aggregate contract rejections damage and Class 8 includes \$1.4 million for contract rejection damages

[9] Assumes 3 claimants with allowed claims less than \$2.5 million opt into Class 7 along with claims of Senior Employees

[10] Class estimates \$0 allowed claim for the following creditors: IFA, HV, HM and UBS; assumes RCP claims offset against HCMLP interest in RCP fund

### Notes:

All claim amounts are estimated as of November 20, 2020 and subject to change

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Highland Capital Management, L.P. Balance Sheet (US \$000's)											
	Actual Jun-20	Actual For Sep-20	Forecast> <b>Dec-20</b>	Mar-21	Jun-21	Sep-21	Dec-21	Mar-22	Jun-22	Sep-22	Dec-22
Assets											
Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$ 14,994 \$	5,888 \$	28,342	\$ 4,934	\$ 96,913	\$ 90,428 \$	106,803	\$ 52,322	\$ 23,641 \$	21,344 \$	
Other Current Assets	13,182	13,651	10,559	9,629	7,746	7,329	5,396	6,054	6,723	7,406	
Investment Assets	320,912	305,961	261,333	258,042	133,026	81,793	54,159	54,159	54,159	54,159	
Net Fixed Assets	3,055	2,823	2,592	1,348	•		•	1			
TOTAL ASSETS	\$ 352,142 \$	328,323 \$	302,826	\$ 273,952	\$ 237,684	\$ 179,550 \$	166,358	\$ 112,535	\$ 84,523 \$	\$ 82,910 \$	
Liabilities											
Post-petition Liabilities	\$ 26,226 \$	19,138 \$	19,280	\$ 2,891	- \$	\$ - \$	,	·	\$ - \$	\$	
Pre-petition Liabilities	126,365	126,343	121,950	,			•	1			
Claims											
Unclassified		ı	1	ı	,	,	٠	,	,	1	1
Class 1 – Jefferies Secured Claim	•	1	1	,	1	1	,	•	1	1	
Class 2 - Frontier Secured Claim		,	•	5,210	•	•	•	•	•		•
Class 3 - Other Secured Claims			•			•			•		
Class 4 – Priority Non-Tax Claims		,	•	•	,	,	•	•	,	,	•
Class 5 – Retained Employee Claims		,	•	•	•	•	•	•	•		•
Class 6 - PTO Claims	•	,				•	•		•	,	,
Class 7 – Convenience Claims		,	•	•	•	•	•	•	•		•
Class 8 – General Unsecured Claims	•	1	,	176,049	176,049	126,049	126,049	76,049	51,049	51,049	22,107
Class 9 – Subordinated Claims	•	,	•	•	•	,	•	•	,	,	,
Class 10 – Class B/C Limited Partnership Interests	•	1	1	,	1	1	,	•	1	1	
Class 11 – Class A Limited Partnership Interests	•	,	1		,	,	'	'	,		·
Claim Payable	126,365	126,343	121,950	181,259	176,049	126,049	126,049	76,049	51,049	51,049	22,107
TOTAL LIABILITIES	\$ 152,591	145,481	141,230	184,150	176,049	126,049	126,049	76,049	51,049	51,049	22,107
Partners' Capital	199,551	182,842	161,596	89,802	61,635	53,501	40,309	36,486	33,473	31,860	(22,107)
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND PARTNERS' CAPITAL	\$ 352,142 \$	328,323 \$	302,826	\$ 273,952	\$ 237,684	\$ 179,550 \$	166,358	\$ 112,535	\$ 84,523 \$	\$ 82,910 \$	

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Highland Capital Management, L.P. Profit/Loss (US \$000's)													Case	Cocc
	Jan	Actual Jan 2020 to June	Actual 3 month ended	Forecast> 3 month ended			3 month ended		3 month ended	3 month ended	3 month ended	pa	3:23-0	ე.ეე <i>-</i>
Revenue	1	020   01dl	sept zozo	חבר בחבח	lotal	l Otal 2020	IVIAI 2021		1707 11	Sept 2021	Dec 2021	 		
Management Fees	↔	6,572 \$		\$ 2,651	↔	11,173	❖	\$ 622	,	٠	\$	\$	02	01
Shared Service Fees		7,672	3,765	3,788		15,225		1,263	,	٠	'		1,263	20
Other Income		3,126	538	340		4,004		113		•	'		1137	71
Total revenue	₩	\$ 0/2,71	6,252	\$ 6,779	ς.	30,401	\$	2,154 \$	1	٠ \$	\$	∙>- 	2,154	_
Operating Expenses [1]		13,328	9,171	6,079		31,579	w	8,428	1,646	1,807	2,6	2,655	14,53	D-
Income/(loss) From Operations	₩	\$ 24045	(2,918)	\$ (2,301)	↔	(1,177)	9) \$	(6,274) \$	(1,646)	\$ (1,807)	\$ (2,655)	\$ (55)	(12,381 <mark>)</mark>	
Professional Fees		17,522	7,707	7,741		32,971	u,	5,450	5,058	2,048	1,6	1,605	14,160 <b>u</b>	<b></b>
Other Income/(Expenses) [2]		2,302	1,518	1,057		4,878	(55	(59,016)	573	423	4	423	t 23 865'25)	+ 22
Operating Gain/(Loss)	₩	(11,178) \$	(9,107)	\$ (8,985)	₩.	(29,270)	\$ (70	(70,741) \$	(6,130)	(3,432)	\$ (3,8	(3,837)	(84,139	1 -
Realized and Unrealized Gain/(Loss) Other Realized Gains/(Loss)				,				(763)	522		'		(24 <sub>1</sub> ±	<b>F</b> 0.
Net Realized Gain/(Loss) on Sale of Investment		(28,418)	1,549	(12,167)		(38)036)		(290)	19	(4,702)	(8,006)	(90	(12,979	<u>م</u> م
Net Change in Unrealized Gain/(Loss) of Investments Net Realized Gain /(Loss) from Equity Method Investees		(29,929)	(7,450)	- (94)		(37,380)			- (22.578)		. (1.3	-(1.349)	1 26.82)	10
Net Change in Unrealized Gain / (Loss) from Equity Method Investees		(80,782)	(1,700)			(82,482)		,	1	•	'		2/0 } }	)/0
Total Realized and Unrealized Gain/(Loss)	↔	\$ (139,129)	(7,601)	\$ (12,262)		(158,992)	\$ (1	(1,053) \$	(22,037)	\$ (4,702)	£'6) \$	\$ (5326)	37,147 <mark>(</mark>	710
Net Income	·Λ	(150,307)	(16,708)	\$ (21,247)	φ.	(188,262)	\$ (7)	(71,794) \$	(28,167)	\$ (8,134)	\$ (13,192)	\$ (26)	(121,287)	2
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Footnotes: [1] Operating expenses include an adjustment in January 2021 to account for expenses that have not been accrued or paid prior to effective date. [2] Other income and expenses of \$61.2 million in January 2021 includes:

<sup>[</sup>a] \$77.7 million was expensed to record for the increase of allowed claims.

<sup>[</sup>b] Income of \$15.8 million for the accrued, but unpaid payroll liability related to the Debtor's deferred bonus programs amount written-off.

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	3 month ender	3 month ended 3 Mar 2022	3 month ended 3 Jun 2022	3 month ended Sept 2022	3 month ended Dec 2022	ped	Total 2022		Plan
Revenue Management Fees	·ν	٠,	٠		÷	•		∙∽ 	779
Shared Service Fees		,	•	,			•		1,263
Other Income			1	1			•		113
Total revenue	∽	<b>.</b>	\$ -		\$	°`	1	∽ 	2,154
Operating Expenses		1,443	643	758	1,0	1,088	3,932	7	18,468
Income/(loss) From Operations	↔	(1,443) \$	(643) \$	(758)	\$ (1,0	(1,088)	(3,932)	(2)	(16,314)
Professional Fees		2,788	2,788	1,288	1,2	1,288	8,153	ო	22,313
Other Income/(Expenses)		408	419	434	Ţ,	184	1,444	4	(56,154)
Operating Gain/(Loss)	↔	(3,823) \$	\$ (3,013) \$	(1,613)	\$ (2,1	(2,193) \$	(10,641)	(1)   \$	(94,780)
Realized and Unrealized Gain/(Loss) Other Realized Gains/(Loss)					(51,775)	775)	(51,775)	2)	(52,016)
Net Realized Gain/(Loss) on Sale of Investment Net Change in Unrealized Gain/(Lose) of Investmente									(12,979)
Net Realized Gain /(Loss) from Equity Method Investees							1		(23,927)
Net Change in Unrealized Gain /(Loss) from Equity Method Investees		•	•	•			•		•
Total Realized and Unrealized Gain/(Loss)	\$	٠.	<b>.</b>		\$ (51,775)	\$ (577	(51,775)	5) \$	(88,922)
Net Income	φ.	(3,823) \$	\$ (3,013)	(1,613)	\$ (53,967)	\$ (296	(62,415)	5) \$	(183,702)

Cash Flow Indirect (US \$000's)

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:		Sep-20	Dec-20	Σ	Jun-21	Sep-21	Dec-21	-	Mar-22		·	Dec-22-6
Net (Loss) Income	٠	(16,708) \$	(21,247)	\$ (71,794)	\$ (28,167) \$	8,134) \$	(13,192)	S	(3,823) \$	(3,013) \$	(1,613) \$	(23,967)
Cash Flow from Operating Activity (Increase) / Decrease in Cash												207
Depreciation and amortization		231	231	231	231	1	•			1	,	1,-
Other realized (gain)/ loss			ı	763	(522)	,	٠		,	,	,	51,773
Investment realized (gain)/ loss		(1,549)	12,262	290	22,559	4,702	9,355			1	ı	C
Unrealized (gain) / loss		(9,150)		1		1	•			1	1	)Q(
(Increase) Decrease in Current Assets		(470)	3,092	930	1,884	417	1,933		(829)	(699)	(684)	2,6
Increase (Decrease) in Current Liabilities		(7,110)	(4,251)	(54,172)	(2,891)	•	•			1	1	mε
Net Cash Increase / (Decrease) - Operating Activities		(34,757)	(9,913)	(123,752)	(6,907)	(3,015)	(1,904)		(4,481)	(3,681)	(2,297)	<u>∰</u> t
Cash Flow From Investing Activities Proceeds from Sale of Fixed Assets			ı	250	1,639	1	1		1			23-15
Proceeds from Investment Assets		25,650	32,366	3,002	102,457	46,531	18,278		1	1	1	7,780
Net Cash Increase / (Decrease) - Investing Activities		25,650	32,366	3,252	104,096	46,531	18,278		1			¶e ∼
Cash Flow from Financing Activities												d 12
Claims payable		,	٠	(73,997)	ı	,	•			,	1	2/ <sub>/</sub> C
Claim reclasses/(paid)				181,259	(5,210)	(20,000)	•		(20,000)	(25,000)	1	(28,941)
Maple Avenue Holdings		,		(4,975)	1	ı	•			ı	ı	23
Frontier Note		-		(5,195)	-	-	-			-	-	,
Net Cash Increase / (Decrease) - Financing Activities		-		97,092	(5,210)	(20,000)	1		(20,000)	(25,000)		(28,943)
Net Change in Cash	↔	\$ (6,104)	22,454	\$ (23,408)	\$ 91,979	\$ (6,484) \$	16,374	÷	(54,481) \$	(28,681) \$	\$ (2,297)	(21,3 <mark>6</mark>
Beginning Cash	•		5,888		4,934	96,913	90,428		106,803	52,322		21,34
Ending Cash	φ.	\$ 2887	28,342	\$ 4,934		\$ 90,428 \$	106,803	Ş	52,322 \$	23,641 \$	21,344 \$	99
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### **EXHIBIT 38**

### **CLAIMANT TRUST AGREEMENT**

This Claimant Trust Agreement, effective as of August 11, 2021 (as may be amended, supplemented, or otherwise modified in accordance with the terms hereof, this "<u>Agreement</u>"), by and among Highland Capital Management, L.P. (as debtor and debtor-in-possession, the "<u>Debtor</u>"), as settlor, and James P. Seery, Jr., as trustee (the "<u>Claimant Trustee</u>"), and Wilmington Trust, National Association, a national banking association ("<u>WTNA</u>"), as Delaware trustee (in such capacity hereunder, and not in its individual capacity, the "<u>Delaware Trustee</u>," and together with the Debtor and the Claimant Trustee, the "<u>Parties</u>") for the benefit of the Claimant Trust Beneficiaries entitled to the Claimant Trust Assets.

### **RECITALS**

WHEREAS, on October 16, 2019, Highland Capital Management, L.P. filed with the United States Bankruptcy Court for the District of Delaware, a voluntary petition for relief under chapter 11 of the Bankruptcy Code, which case was subsequently transferred to the Bankruptcy Court for the Northern District of Texas, Dallas Division (the "Bankruptcy Court") and captioned *In re Highland Capital Management, L.P.*, Case No. 19-34054-sgj11 (the "Chapter 11 Case");

WHEREAS, on November 24, 2020, the Debtor filed the *Fifth Amended Plan of Reorganization of Highland Capital Management, L.P.* [Docket No. 1472] (as may be amended, supplemented, or otherwise modified from time to time, the "Plan"), which was confirmed by the Bankruptcy Court on February 22, 2021, pursuant to the *Findings of Fact and Order Confirming Plan of Reorganization for the Debtor* [Docket No. 1943] (the "Confirmation Order");

WHEREAS, this Agreement, including all exhibits hereto, is the "Claimant Trust Agreement" described in the Plan and shall be executed on or before the Effective Date in order to facilitate implementation of the Plan; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Plan and Confirmation Order, the Claimant Trust Assets are to be transferred to the Claimant Trust (each as defined herein) created and evidenced by this Agreement so that (i) the Claimant Trust Assets can be held in a trust for the benefit of the Claimant Trust Beneficiaries entitled thereto in accordance with Treasury Regulation Section 301.7701-4(d) for the objectives and purposes set forth herein and in the Plan; (ii) the Claimant Trust Assets can be monetized; (iii) the Claimant Trust will transfer Estate Claims to the Litigation Sub-Trust to be prosecuted, settled, abandoned, or resolved as may be determined by the Litigation Trustee in accordance with the terms of the Litigation Sub-Trust Agreement, for the benefit of the Claimant Trust; (iv) proceeds of the Claimant Trust Assets, including Estate Claims, may be distributed to the Claimant Trust Beneficiaries<sup>2</sup> in accordance with the Plan; (v) the Claimant Trustee can resolve

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Capitalized terms used but not otherwise defined herein shall have the meanings ascribed to such terms in the Plan. The confirmed Plan included certain amendments filed on February 1, 2021. *See Debtor's Notice of Filing of Plan Supplement to the Fifth Amended Plan of Reorganization of Highland Capital Management, L.P. (as Modified)*, Docket No. 1875, Exh. B.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> For the avoidance of doubt, and as set forth in the Plan, Holders of Class A Limited Partnership Interests and Class B/C Limited Partnership Interests will be Claimant Trust Beneficiaries only upon certification by the Claimant Trustee that the Holders of such Claims have been paid indefeasibly in full plus, to the extent applicable, post-petition interest in accordance with the terms and conditions set forth herein and in the Plan.

Disputed Claims as set forth herein and in the Plan; and (vi) administrative services relating to the activities of the Claimant Trust and relating to the implementation of the Plan can be performed by the Claimant Trustee.

### **DECLARATION OF TRUST**

NOW, THEREFORE, in order to declare the terms and conditions hereof, and in consideration of the premises and mutual agreements herein contained, the confirmation of the Plan and of other good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which are hereby acknowledged, the Debtor, the Claimant Trustee, and the Delaware Trustee have executed this Agreement for the benefit of the Claimant Trust Beneficiaries entitled to share in the Claimant Trust Assets and, at the direction of such Claimant Trust Beneficiaries as provided for in the Plan.

TO HAVE AND TO HOLD unto the Claimant Trustee and his successors or assigns in trust, under and subject to the terms and conditions set forth herein and for the benefit of the Claimant Trust Beneficiaries, and for the performance of and compliance with the terms hereof and of the Plan; <u>provided</u>, <u>however</u>, that upon termination of the Claimant Trust in accordance with Article IX hereof, this Claimant Trust Agreement shall cease, terminate, and be of no further force and effect, unless otherwise specifically provided for herein.

IT IS FURTHER COVENANTED AND DECLARED that the Claimant Trust Assets are to be strictly held and applied by the Claimant Trustee subject to the specific terms set forth below.

### ARTICLE I. DEFINITION AND TERMS

- 1.1 <u>Certain Definitions</u>. Unless the context shall otherwise require and except as contained in this Section 1.1 or as otherwise defined herein, the capitalized terms used herein shall have the respective meanings assigned thereto in the "Definitions," Section 1.1 of the Plan or if not defined therein, shall have the meanings assigned thereto in the applicable Section of the Plan. For all purposes of this Agreement, the following terms shall have the following meanings:
- (a) "<u>Acis</u>" means collectively, Acis Capital Management, L.P. and Acis Capital Management GP, LLP.
  - (b) "<u>Bankruptcy Court</u>" has the meaning set forth in the Recitals hereof.
- (c) "Cause" means (i) a Person's willful failure to perform his material duties hereunder (which material duties shall include, without limitation, with respect to a Member, or to the extent applicable, the Claimant Trustee, regular attendance at regularly scheduled meetings of the Oversight Board), which is not remedied within 30 days of notice; (ii) a Person's commission of an act of fraud, theft, or embezzlement during the performance of his or her duties hereunder; (iii) a Person's conviction of a felony (other than a felony that does not involve fraud, theft, embezzlement, or jail time) with all appeals having been exhausted or appeal periods lapsed; or (iv) a Person's gross negligence, bad faith, willful misconduct, or knowing violation of law in the performance of his or her duties hereunder.
  - (d) "Claimant Trust Agreement" means this Agreement.

- (e) "<u>Claimant Trustee</u>" means James P. Seery, Jr., as the initial "Claimant Trustee" hereunder and as defined in the Plan, and any successor Claimant Trustee that may be appointed pursuant to the terms of this Agreement.
- (f) "<u>Claimant Trust</u>" means the "Highland Claimant Trust" established in accordance with the Delaware Statutory Trust Act and Treasury Regulation Section 301.7701-4(d) pursuant to this Agreement.
- Assets (which are expressly excluded from this definition), all other Assets of the Estate, including, but not limited to, all Causes of Action, Available Cash, any proceeds realized or received from such Assets, all rights of setoff, recoupment, and other defenses with respect, relating to, or arising from such Assets, (ii) any Assets transferred by the Reorganized Debtor to the Claimant Trust on or after the Effective Date, (iii) the limited partnership interests in the Reorganized Debtor, and (iv) the ownership interests in New GP LLC. For the avoidance of doubt, any Causes of Action that, for any reason, are not capable of being transferred to the Claimant Trust shall constitute Reorganized Debtor Assets.
- (h) "<u>Claimant Trust Beneficiaries</u>" means the Holders of Allowed General Unsecured Claims, Holders of Allowed Subordinated Claims, and, only upon certification by the Claimant Trustee that the Holders of such Claims have been paid indefeasibly in full plus, to the extent applicable, post-petition interest at the federal judgment rate in accordance with the terms and conditions set forth herein, Holders of Allowed Class B/C Limited Partnership Interests, and Holders of Allowed Class A Limited Partnership Interests.
- (i) "<u>Claimant Trust Expense Cash Reserve</u>" means \$[•] million in Cash to be funded pursuant to the Plan into a bank account of the Claimant Trust on or before the Effective Date for the purpose of paying Claimant Trust Expenses in accordance herewith.
- (j) "<u>Claimant Trust Expenses</u>" means the costs, expenses, liabilities and obligations incurred by the Claimant Trust and/or the Claimant Trustee in administering and conducting the affairs of the Claimant Trust, and otherwise carrying out the terms of the Claimant Trust and the Plan on behalf of the Claimant Trust, including without any limitation, any taxes owed by the Claimant Trust, and the fees and expenses of the Claimant Trustee and professional persons retained by the Claimant Trust or Claimant Trustee in accordance with this Agreement.
- (k) "<u>Committee Member</u>" means a Member who is/was also a member of the Creditors' Committee.
  - (l) "Conflicted Member" has the meaning set forth in Section 4.6(c) hereof.
- (m) "<u>Contingent Trust Interests</u>" means the contingent interests in the Claimant Trust to be distributed to Holders of Class A Limited Partnership Interests and Class B/C Limited Partnership Interests in accordance with the Plan.
- (n) "<u>Creditors' Committee</u>" means the Official Committee of Unsecured Creditors appointed pursuant to section 1102 of the Bankruptcy Code in the Chapter 11 Case, comprised of Acis, Meta-e Discovery, the Redeemer Committee and UBS.

- (o) "<u>Delaware Statutory Trust Act</u>" means the Delaware Statutory Trust Act 12 Del C. §3801, et seq. as amended from time to time.
  - (p) "<u>Delaware Trustee</u>" has the meaning set forth in the introduction hereof.
- (q) "<u>Disability</u>" means as a result of the Claimant Trustee's or a Member's incapacity due to physical or mental illness as determined by an accredited physician or psychologist, as applicable, selected by the Claimant Trustee or the Member, as applicable, the Claimant Trustee or such Member has been substantially unable to perform his or her duties hereunder for three (3) consecutive months or for an aggregate of 180 days during any period of twelve (12) consecutive months.
  - (r) "<u>Disinterested Members</u>" has the meaning set forth in Section 4.1 hereof.
- (s) "<u>Disputed Claims Reserve</u>" means the reserve account to be opened by the Claimant Trust on or after the Effective Date and funded in an initial amount determined by the Claimant Trustee [(in a manner consistent with the Plan and with the consent of a simple majority of the Oversight Board)] to be sufficient to pay Disputed Claims under the Plan.
- (t) "<u>Employees</u>" means the employees of the Debtor set forth in the Plan Supplement.
- (u) "<u>Employee Claims</u>" means any General Unsecured Claim held by an Employee other than the Claims of the Senior Employees subject to stipulations (provided such stipulations are executed by any such Senior Employee of the Debtor prior to the Effective Date).
- (v) "<u>Estate Claims</u>" has the meaning given to it in <u>Exhibit A</u> to the *Notice of Final Term Sheet* [Docket No. 354].
  - (w) "Equity Trust Interests" has the meaning given to it in Section 5.1(c) hereof.
  - (x) "Exchange Act" means the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended.
- (y) "<u>General Unsecured Claim Trust Interests</u>" means interests in the Claimant Trust to be distributed to Holders of Allowed Class 8 General Unsecured Claims (including Disputed General Unsecured Claims that are subsequently Allowed) in accordance with the Plan.
- (z) "GUC Beneficiaries" means the Claimant Trust Beneficiaries who hold General Unsecured Claim Trust Interests.
- (aa) "GUC Payment Certification" has the meaning given to it in Section 5.1(c) hereof.
- (bb) "<u>HarbourVest</u>" means, collectively, HarbourVest 2017 Global Fund, L.P., HarbourVest 2017 Global AIF L.P., HarbourVest Dover Street IX Investment, L.P., HV International VIII Secondary L.P., HarbourVest Skew Base AIF L.P., and HarbourVest Partners, L.P.

- (cc) "<u>Investment Advisers Act</u>" means the Investment Advisers Act of 1940, as amended.
- (dd) "<u>Investment Company Act</u>" means the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended.
- (ee) "<u>Litigation Sub-Trust</u>" means the sub-trust created pursuant to the Litigation Sub-Trust Agreement, which shall hold the Claimant Trust Assets that are Estate Claims and investigate, litigate, and/or settle the Estate Claims for the benefit of the Claimant Trust.
- (ff) "<u>Litigation Sub-Trust Agreement</u>" means the litigation sub-trust agreement to be entered into by and between the Claimant Trustee and Litigation Trustee establishing and setting forth the terms and conditions of the Litigation Sub-Trust and governing the rights and responsibilities of the Litigation Trustee.
- (gg) "<u>Litigation Trustee</u>" means Marc S. Kirschner, and any successor Litigation Trustee that may be appointed pursuant to the terms of the Litigation Sub-Trust Agreement, who shall be responsible for investigating, litigating, and settling the Estate Claims for the benefit of the Claimant Trust in accordance with the terms and conditions set forth in the Litigation Sub-Trust Agreement.
- (hh) "Managed Funds" means Highland Multi-Strategy Credit Fund, L.P., Highland Restoration Capital Partners, L.P., and any other investment vehicle managed by the Debtor pursuant to an Executory Contract assumed pursuant to the Plan; *provided, however*, that the Highland Select Equity Fund, L.P. (and its direct and indirect subsidiaries) will not be considered a Managed Fund for purposes hereof.
- (ii) "<u>Material Claims</u>" means the Claims asserted by UBS, Patrick Hagaman Daugherty, Integrated Financial Associates, Inc., and the Employees.
  - (jj) "Member" means a Person that is member of the Oversight Board.
  - (kk) "New GP LLC" means the general partner of the Reorganized Debtor.
- (II) "Oversight Board" means the board comprised of five (5) Members established pursuant to the Plan and Article III of this Agreement to oversee the Claimant Trustee's performance of his duties and otherwise serve the functions set forth in this Agreement and those of the "Claimant Trust Oversight Committee" described in the Plan. Subject to the terms of this Agreement, the initial Members of the Oversight Board shall be: (i) Eric Felton, as representative of the Redeemer Committee; (ii) Josh Terry, as representative of Acis; (iii) Elizabeth Kozlowski, as representative of UBS; (iv) Paul McVoy, as representative of Meta-e Discovery; and (v) David Pauker.
  - (mm) "Plan" has the meaning set forth in the Recitals hereof.
- (nn) "Privileges" means the Debtor's rights, title and interests in and to any privilege or immunity attaching to any documents or communications (whether written or oral) associated with any of the Estate Claims or Employee Claims, including, without limitation, to,

attorney-client privilege and work-product privilege as defined in Rule 502(g) of the Federal Rules of Evidence; <u>provided</u>, <u>however</u>, that "Privileges" shall not include the work-product privilege of any non-Employee attorney or attorneys that has not been previously shared with the Debtor or any of its employees and the work-product privilege shall remain with the non-Employee attorney or attorneys who created such work product so long as it has not been previously shared with the Debtor or any of its employees, or otherwise waived.

- (oo) "PSZJ" means Pachulski Stang Ziehl & Jones LLP.
- (pp) "<u>Redeemer Committee</u>" means the Redeemer Committee of the Highland Crusader Fund.
  - (qq) "Registrar" has the meaning given to it in Section 5.3(a) hereof.
- (rr) "Reorganized Debtor Assets" means any limited and general partnership interests held by the Debtor, the management of the Managed Funds and those Causes of Action (including, without limitation, claims for breach of fiduciary duty), that, for any reason, are not capable of being transferred to the Claimant Trust. For the avoidance of doubt, "Reorganized Debtor Assets" includes any partnership interests or shares of Managed Funds held by the Debtor but does not include the underlying portfolio assets held by the Managed Funds.
  - (ss) "Securities Act" means the Securities Act of 1933, as amended.
- (tt) "<u>Subordinated Beneficiaries</u>" means the Claimant Trust Beneficiaries who hold Subordinated Claim Trust Interests.
- (uu) "<u>Subordinated Claim Trust Interests</u>" means the subordinated interests in the Claimant Trust to be distributed to Holders of Allowed Class 9 Subordinated Claims in accordance with the Plan.
  - (vv) "TIA" means the Trust Indenture Act of 1939, as amended.
- (ww) "<u>Trust Interests</u>" means collectively the General Unsecured Claim Trust Interests, Subordinated Claim Trust Interests, and Equity Trust Interests.
  - (xx) "Trust Register" has the meaning given to it in Section 5.4(b) hereof.
- (yy) "<u>Trustees</u>" means collectively the Claimant Trustee and Delaware Trustee, however, it is expressly understood and agreed that the Delaware Trustee shall have none of the duties or liabilities of the Claimant Trustee.
- (zz) "<u>UBS</u>" means collectively UBS Securities LLC and UBS AG London Branch.
  - (aaa) "WilmerHale" Wilmer Cutler Pickering Hale & Dorr LLP.
- 1.2 <u>General Construction</u>. As used in this Agreement, the masculine, feminine and neuter genders, and the plural and singular numbers shall be deemed to include the others in all

cases where they would apply. "Includes" and "including" are not limiting and "or" is not exclusive. References to "Articles," "Sections" and other subdivisions, unless referring specifically to the Plan or provisions of the Bankruptcy Code, the Bankruptcy Rules, or other law, statute or regulation, refer to the corresponding Articles, Sections and other subdivisions of this Agreement, and the words "herein," "hereafter" and words of similar import refer to this Agreement as a whole and not to any particular Article, Section, or subdivision of this Agreement. Amounts expressed in dollars or following the symbol "\$" shall be deemed to be in United States dollars. References to agreements or instruments shall be deemed to refer to such agreements or instruments as the same may be amended, supplemented, or otherwise modified in accordance with the terms thereof.

1.3 <u>Incorporation of the Plan</u>. The Plan is hereby incorporated into this Agreement and made a part hereof by this reference.

### ARTICLE II. ESTABLISHMENT OF THE CLAIMANT TRUST

### 2.1 Creation of Name of Trust.

- (a) The Claimant Trust is hereby created as a statutory trust under the Delaware Statutory Trust Act and shall be called the "Highland Claimant Trust." The Claimant Trustee shall be empowered to conduct all business and hold all property constituting the Claimant Trust Assets in such name in accordance with the terms and conditions set forth herein.
- (b) The Trustees shall cause to be executed and filed in the office of the Secretary of State of the State of Delaware the Certificate of Trust and agree to execute, acting solely in their capacity as Trustees, such certificates as may from time to time be required under the Delaware Statutory Trust Act or any other Delaware law.

### 2.2 Objectives.

- (a) The Claimant Trust is established for the purpose of satisfying Allowed General Unsecured Claims and Allowed Subordinated Claims (and only to the extent provided herein, Allowed Class A Limited Partnership Interests and Class B/C Limited Partnership Interests) under the Plan, by monetizing the Claimant Trust Assets transferred to it and making distributions to the Claimant Trust Beneficiaries. The Claimant Trust shall not continue or engage in any trade or business except to the extent reasonably necessary to monetize and distribute the Claimant Trust Assets consistent with this Agreement and the Plan and act as sole member and manager of New GP LLC. The Claimant Trust shall provide a mechanism for (i) the monetization of the Claimant Trust Assets and (ii) the distribution of the proceeds thereof, net of all claims, expenses, charges, liabilities, and obligations of the Claimant Trust, to the Claimant Trust Beneficiaries in accordance with the Plan. In furtherance of this distribution objective, the Claimant Trust will, from time to time, prosecute and resolve objections to certain Claims and Interests as provided herein and in the Plan.
- (b) It is intended that the Claimant Trust be classified for federal income tax purposes as a "liquidating trust" within the meaning of section 301.7701-4(d) of the Treasury Regulations. In furtherance of this objective, the Claimant Trustee shall, in his business judgment,

make continuing best efforts to (i) dispose of or monetize the Claimant Trust Assets and resolve Claims, (ii) make timely distributions, and (iii) not unduly prolong the duration of the Claimant Trust, in each case in accordance with this Agreement.

### 2.3 Nature and Purposes of the Claimant Trust.

- (a) The Claimant Trust is organized and established as a trust for the purpose of monetizing the Claimant Trust Assets and making distributions to Claimant Trust Beneficiaries in a manner consistent with "liquidating trust" status under Treasury Regulation Section 301.7701-4(d). The Claimant Trust shall retain all rights to commence and pursue all Causes of Action of the Debtor other than (i) Estate Claims, which shall be assigned to and commenced and pursued by the Litigation Trustee pursuant to the terms of the Litigation Sub-Trust Agreement, and (ii) Causes of Action constituting Reorganized Debtor Assets, if any, which shall be commenced and pursued by the Reorganized Debtor at the direction of the Claimant Trust as sole member of New GP LLC pursuant to the terms of the Reorganized Limited Partnership Agreement. The Claimant Trust and Claimant Trustee shall have and retain, and, as applicable, assign and transfer to the Litigation Sub-Trust and Litigation Trustee, any and all rights, defenses, cross-claims and counterclaims held by the Debtor with respect to any Claim as of the Petition Date. On and after the date hereof, in accordance with and subject to the Plan, the Claimant Trustee shall have the authority to (i) compromise, settle or otherwise resolve, or withdraw any objections to Claims against the Debtor, provided, however, the Claimant Trustee shall only have the authority to compromise or settle any Employee Claim with the unanimous consent of the Oversight Board and in the absence of unanimous consent, any such Employee Claim shall be transferred to the Litigation Sub-Trust and be litigated, comprised, settled, or otherwise resolved exclusively by the Litigation Trustee and (ii) compromise, settle, or otherwise resolve any Disputed Claims without approval of the Bankruptcy Court, which authority may be shared with or transferred to the Litigation Trustee in accordance with the terms of the Litigation Sub-Trust Agreement. For the avoidance of doubt, the Claimant Trust, pursuant to section 1123(b)(3)(B) of the Bankruptcy Code and applicable state trust law, is appointed as the successor-in-interest to, and representative of, the Debtor and its Estate for the retention, enforcement, settlement, and adjustment of all Claims other than Estate Claims, the Employee Claims, and those Claims constituting Reorganized Debtor Assets.
- (b) The Claimant Trust shall be administered by the Claimant Trustee, in accordance with this Agreement, for the following purposes:
- (i) to manage and monetize the Claimant Trust Assets in an expeditious but orderly manner with a view towards maximizing value within a reasonable time period;
- (ii) to litigate and settle Claims in Class 8 and Class 9 (other than the Employee Claims, which shall be litigated and/or settled by the Litigation Trustee if the Oversight Board does not unanimously approve of any proposed settlement of such Employee Claim by the Claimant Trustee) and any of the Causes of Action included in the Claimant Trust Assets (including any cross-claims and counter-claims); provided, however, that Estate Claims transferred to the Litigation Sub-Trust shall be litigated and settled by the Litigation Trustee pursuant to the terms of the Litigation Sub-Trust Agreement;

- (iii) to distribute net proceeds of the Claimant Trust Assets to the Claimant Trust Beneficiaries;
- (iv) to distribute funds from the Disputed Claims Reserve to Holders of Trust Interests or to the Reorganized Debtor for distribution to Holders of Disputed Claims in each case in accordance with the Plan from time to time as any such Holder's Disputed Claim becomes an Allowed Claim under the Plan;
- (v) to distribute funds to the Litigation Sub-Trust at the direction the Oversight Board;
- (vi) to serve as the limited partner of, and to hold the limited partnership interests in, the Reorganized Debtor;
- (vii) to serve as the sole member and manager of New GP LLC, the Reorganized Debtor's general partner;
- (viii) to oversee the management and monetization of the Reorganized Debtor Assets pursuant to the terms of the Reorganized Limited Partnership Agreement, in its capacity as the sole member and manager of New GP LLC pursuant to the terms of the New GP LLC Documents, all with a view toward maximizing value in a reasonable time in a manner consistent with the Reorganized Debtor's fiduciary duties as investment adviser to the Managed Funds; and
- (ix) to perform any other functions and take any other actions provided for or permitted by this Agreement and the Plan, and in any other agreement executed by the Claimant Trustee.

### 2.4 Transfer of Assets and Rights to the Claimant Trust; Litigation Sub-Trust.

- (a) On the Effective Date, pursuant to the Plan, the Debtor shall irrevocably transfer, assign, and deliver, and shall be deemed to have transferred, assigned, and delivered, all Claimant Trust Assets and related Privileges held by the Debtor to the Claimant Trust free and clear of all Claims, Interests, Liens, and other encumbrances, and liabilities, except as provided in the Plan and this Agreement. To the extent certain assets comprising the Claimant Trust Assets, because of their nature or because such assets will accrue or become transferable subsequent to the Effective Date, and cannot be transferred to, vested in, and assumed by the Claimant Trust on such date, such assets shall be considered Reorganized Debtor Assets, which may be subsequently transferred to the Claimant Trust by the Reorganized Debtor consistent with the terms of the Reorganized Limited Partnership Agreement after such date.
- (b) On or as soon as practicable after the Effective Date, the Claimant Trust shall irrevocably transfer, assign, and deliver, and shall be deemed to have transferred, assigned, and delivered, all Estate Claims and related Privileges held by the Claimant Trust to the Litigation Sub-Trust Trust free and clear of all Claims, Interests, Liens, and other encumbrances, and liabilities, except as provided in the Plan, this Agreement, and the Litigation Sub-Trust Agreement. Following the transfer of such Privileges, the Litigation Trustee shall have the power to waive the Privileges being so assigned and transferred.

- On or before the Effective Date, and continuing thereafter, the Debtor or Reorganized Debtor, as applicable, shall provide (i) for the Claimant Trustee's and Litigation Trustee's reasonable access to all records and information in the Debtor's and Reorganized Debtor's possession, custody or control, (ii) that all Privileges related to the Claimant Trust Assets shall transfer to and vest exclusively in the Claimant Trust (except for those Privileges that will be transferred and assigned to the Litigation Sub-Trust in respect of the Estate Claims), and (iii) subject to Section 3.12(c), the Debtor and Reorganized Debtor shall preserve all records and documents (including all electronic records or documents), including, but not limited to, the Debtor's file server, email server, email archiving system, master journal, SharePoint, Oracle E-Business Suite, Advent Geneva, Siepe database, Bloomberg chat data, and any backups of the foregoing, until such time as the Claimant Trustee, with the consent of the Oversight Board and, if pertaining to any of the Estate Claims, the Litigation Trustee, directs the Reorganized Debtor, as sole member of its general partner, that such records are no longer required to be preserved. For the purposes of transfer of documents, the Claimant Trust or Litigation Sub-Trust, as applicable, is an assignee and successor to the Debtor in respect of the Claimant Trust Assets and Estate Claims, respectively, and shall be treated as such in any review of confidentiality restrictions in requested documents.
- (d) Until the Claimant Trust terminates pursuant to the terms hereof, legal title to the Claimant Trust Assets (other than Estate Claims) and all property contained therein shall be vested at all times in the Claimant Trust as a separate legal entity, except where applicable law in any jurisdiction requires title to any part of the Claimant Trust Assets to be vested in the Claimant Trustee, in which case title shall be deemed to be vested in the Claimant Trustee, solely in his capacity as Claimant Trustee. For purposes of such jurisdictions, the term Claimant Trust, as used herein, shall be read to mean the Claimant Trustee.
- 2.5 <u>Principal Office</u>. The principal office of the Claimant Trust shall be maintained by the Claimant Trustee at the following address: 100 Crescent Court, Suite 1850, Dallas, Texas 75201.
- 2.6 <u>Acceptance</u>. The Claimant Trustee accepts the Claimant Trust imposed by this Agreement and agrees to observe and perform that Claimant Trust, on and subject to the terms and conditions set forth herein and in the Plan.
- 2.7 <u>Further Assurances</u>. The Debtor, Reorganized Debtor, and any successors thereof will, upon reasonable request of the Claimant Trustee, execute, acknowledge and deliver such further instruments and do such further acts as may be necessary or proper to transfer to the Claimant Trustee any portion of the Claimant Trust Assets intended to be conveyed hereby and in the Plan in the form and manner provided for hereby and in the Plan and to vest in the Claimant Trustee the powers, instruments or funds in trust hereunder.
- 2.8 <u>Incidents of Ownership</u>. The Claimant Trust Beneficiaries shall be the sole beneficiaries of the Claimant Trust and the Claimant Trustee shall retain only such incidents of ownership as are necessary to undertake the actions and transactions authorized herein.

### ARTICLE III. THE TRUSTEES

3.1 <u>Role.</u> In furtherance of and consistent with the purpose of the Claimant Trust, the Plan, and this Agreement, the Claimant Trustee, subject to the terms and conditions contained herein, in the Plan, and in the Confirmation Order, shall serve as Claimant Trustee with respect to the Claimant Trust Assets for the benefit of the Claimant Trust Beneficiaries and maintain, manage, and take action on behalf of the Claimant Trust.

### 3.2 Authority.

- (a) In connection with the administration of the Claimant Trust, in addition to any and all of the powers enumerated elsewhere herein, the Claimant Trustee shall, in an expeditious but orderly manner, monetize the Claimant Trust Assets, make timely distributions and not unduly prolong the duration of the Claimant Trust. The Claimant Trustee shall have the power and authority and is authorized to perform any and all acts necessary and desirable to accomplish the purposes of this Agreement and the provisions of the Plan and the Confirmation Order relating to the Claimant Trust, within the bounds of this Agreement, the Plan, the Confirmation Order, and applicable law. The Claimant Trustee will monetize the Claimant Trust Assets with a view toward maximizing value in a reasonable time.
- (b) The Claimant Trustee, subject to the limitations set forth in Section 3.3 of this Agreement shall have the right to prosecute, defend, compromise, adjust, arbitrate, abandon, estimate, or otherwise deal with and settle any and all Claims and Causes of Action that are part of the Claimant Trust Assets, other than the Estate Claims transferred to the Litigation Sub-Trust, as the Claimant Trustee determines is in the best interests of the Claimant Trust; provided, however, that if the Claimant Trustee proposes a settlement of an Employee Claim and does not obtain unanimous consent of the Oversight Board of such settlement, such Employee Claim shall be transferred to the Litigation Sub-Trust for the Litigation Trustee to litigate. To the extent that any action has been taken to prosecute, defend, compromise, adjust, arbitrate, abandon, or otherwise deal with and settle any such Claims and Causes of Action prior to the Effective Date, on the Effective Date the Claimant Trustee shall be substituted for the Debtor in connection therewith in accordance with Rule 25 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, made applicable by Rule 7025 of the Federal Rules of Bankruptcy Procedure, and the caption with respect to such pending action shall be changed to the following "[Claimant Trustee], not individually but solely as Claimant Trustee for the Claimant Trust, et al. v. [Defendant]".
- (c) Subject in all cases to any limitations contained herein, in the Confirmation Order, or in the Plan, the Claimant Trustee shall have the power and authority to:
- (i) solely as required by Section 2.4(d), hold legal title to any and all rights of the Claimant Trust and Beneficiaries in or arising from the Claimant Trust Assets, including collecting and receiving any and all money and other property belonging to the Claimant Trust and the right to vote or exercise any other right with respect to any claim or interest relating to the Claimant Trust Assets in any case under the Bankruptcy Code and receive any distribution with respect thereto;

- (ii) open accounts for the Claimant Trust and make distributions of Claimant Trust Assets in accordance herewith;
- (iii) as set forth in Section 3.11, exercise and perform the rights, powers, and duties held by the Debtor with respect to the Claimant Trust Assets (other than Estate Claims), including the authority under section 1123(b)(3) of the Bankruptcy Code, and shall be deemed to be acting as a representative of the Debtor's Estate with respect to the Claimant Trust Assets, including with respect to the sale, transfer, or other disposition of the Claimant Trust Assets;
- (iv) settle or resolve any Claims in Class 8 and Class 9 other than the Material Claims and any Equity Interests;
- (v) sell or otherwise monetize any publicly-traded asset for which there is a marketplace and any other assets (other than the Other Assets (as defined below)) valued less than or equal to \$3,000,000 (over a thirty-day period);
- (vi) upon the direction of the Oversight Board, fund the Litigation Sub-Trust on the Effective Date and as necessary thereafter;
- (vii) exercise and perform the rights, powers, and duties arising from the Claimant Trust's role as sole member of New GP LLC, and the role of New GP LLC, as general partner of the Reorganized Debtor, including the management of the Managed Funds;
- (viii) protect and enforce the rights to the Claimant Trust Assets by any method deemed appropriate, including by judicial proceedings or pursuant to any applicable bankruptcy, insolvency, moratorium or similar law and general principles of equity;
- (ix) obtain reasonable insurance coverage with respect to any liabilities and obligations of the Trustees, Litigation Trustee, and the Members of the Oversight Board solely in their capacities as such, in the form of fiduciary liability insurance, a directors and officers policy, an errors and omissions policy, or otherwise. The cost of any such insurance shall be a Claimant Trust Expense and paid by the Claimant Trustee from the Claimant Trust Assets;
- (x) without further order of the Bankruptcy Court, but subject to the terms of this Agreement, employ various consultants, third-party service providers, and other professionals, including counsel, tax advisors, consultants, brokers, investment bankers, valuation counselors, and financial advisors, as the Claimant Trustee deems necessary to aid him in fulfilling his obligations under this Agreement; such consultants, third-party service providers, and other professionals shall be retained pursuant to whatever fee arrangement the Claimant Trustee deems appropriate, including contingency fee arrangements and any fees and expenses incurred by such professionals engaged by the Claimant Trustee shall be Claimant Trust Expenses and paid by the Claimant Trustee from the Claimant Trust Assets;
- (xi) retain and approve compensation arrangements of an independent public accounting firm to perform such reviews and/or audits of the financial books and records of the Claimant Trust as may be required by this Agreement, the Plan, the Confirmation Order, and applicable laws and as may be reasonably and appropriate in Claimant Trustee's discretion. Subject to the foregoing, the Claimant Trustee may commit the Claimant Trust to, and shall pay,

such independent public accounting firm reasonable compensation for services rendered and reasonable and documented out-of-pocket expenses incurred, and all such compensation and reimbursement shall be paid by the Claimant Trustee from Claimant Trust Assets;

- (xii) prepare and file (A) tax returns for the Claimant Trust treating the Claimant Trust as a grantor trust pursuant to Treasury Regulation section 1.671-4(a), (B) an election pursuant to Treasury Regulation 1.468B-9(c) to treat the Disputed Claims Reserve as a disputed ownership fund, in which case the Claimant Trustee will file federal income tax returns and pay taxes for the Disputed Claim Reserve as a separate taxable entity, or (C) any periodic or current reports that may be required under applicable law;
- (xiii) prepare and send annually to the Beneficiaries, in accordance with the tax laws, a separate statement stating a Beneficiary's interest in the Claimant Trust and its share of the Claimant Trust's income, gain, loss, deduction or credit, and to instruct all such Beneficiaries to report such items on their federal tax returns;
- (xiv) to the extent applicable, assert, enforce, release, or waive any attorney-client communication, attorney work product or other Privilege or defense on behalf of the Claimant Trust (including as to any Privilege that the Debtor held prior to the Effective Date), including to provide any information to insurance carriers that the Claimant Trustee deems necessary to utilize applicable insurance coverage for any Claim or Claims;
- (xv) subject to Section 3.4, invest the proceeds of the Claimant Trust Assets and all income earned by the Claimant Trust, pending any distributions in short-term certificates of deposit, in banks or other savings institutions, or other temporary, liquid investments, such as Treasury bills;
- (xvi) request any appropriate tax determination with respect to the Claimant Trust, including a determination pursuant to section 505 of the Bankruptcy Code;
- (xvii) take or refrain from taking any and all actions the Claimant Trustee reasonably deems necessary for the continuation, protection, and maximization of the value of the Claimant Trust Assets consistent with purposes hereof;
- (xviii) take all steps and execute all instruments and documents necessary to effectuate the purpose of the Claimant Trust and the activities contemplated herein and in the Confirmation Order and the Plan, and take all actions necessary to comply with the Confirmation Order, the Plan, and this Agreement and the obligations thereunder and hereunder;
- (xix) exercise such other powers and authority as may be vested in or assumed by the Claimant Trustee by any Final Order;
- (xx) evaluate and determine strategy with respect to the Claimant Trust Assets, and hold, pursue, prosecute, adjust, arbitrate, compromise, release, settle or abandon the Claimant Trust Assets on behalf of the Claimant Trust; and
- (xxi) with respect to the Claimant Trust Beneficiaries, perform all duties and functions of the Distribution Agent as set forth in the Plan, including distributing Cash from

the Disputed Claims Reserve, solely on account of Disputed Class 1 through Class 7 Claims that were Disputed as of the Effective Date, but become Allowed, to the Reorganization Debtor such that the Reorganized Debtor can satisfy its duties and functions as Distribution Agent with respect to Claims in Class 1 through Class 7 (the foregoing subparagraphs (i)-(xxi) being collectively, the "Authorized Acts").

- (d) The Claimant Trustee and the Oversight Committee will enter into an agreement as soon as practicable after the Effective Date concerning the Claimant Trustee's authority with respect to certain other assets, including certain portfolio company assets (the "Other Assets").
- (e) The Claimant Trustee has the power and authority to act as trustee of the Claimant Trust and perform the Authorized Acts through the date such Claimant Trustee resigns, is removed, or is otherwise unable to serve for any reason.

### 3.3 <u>Limitation of Authority</u>.

- (a) Notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, the Claimant Trust and the Claimant Trustee shall not (i) be authorized to engage in any trade or business, (ii) take any actions inconsistent with the management of the Claimant Trust Assets as are required or contemplated by applicable law, the Confirmation Order, the Plan, and this Agreement, (iii) take any action in contravention of the Confirmation Order, the Plan, or this Agreement, or (iv) cause New GP LLC to cause the Reorganized Debtor to take any action in contravention of the Plan, Plan Documents or the Confirmation Order.
- (b) Notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, and in no way limiting the terms of the Plan, the Claimant Trustee must receive the consent by vote of a simple majority of the Oversight Board pursuant to the notice and quorum requirements set forth in Section 4.5 herein, in order to:
  - (i) terminate or extend the term of the Claimant Trust;
- (ii) prosecute, litigate, settle or otherwise resolve any of the Material Claims;
- (iii) except otherwise set forth herein, sell or otherwise monetize any assets that are not Other Assets, including Reorganized Debtor Assets (other than with respect to the Managed Funds), that are valued greater than \$3,000,000 (over a thirty-day period);
- (iv) except for cash distributions made in accordance with the terms of this Agreement, make any cash distributions to Claimant Trust Beneficiaries in accordance with Article IV of the Plan;
- (v) except for any distributions made in accordance with the terms of this Agreement, make any distributions from the Disputed Claims Reserve to Holders of Disputed Claims after such time that such Holder's Claim becomes an Allowed Claim under the Plan;